



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT FIELD TECHNICIAN

Do you want to do work that matters? Do you want to be part of an enthusiastic, dynamic team working to help Yolo County thrive? The Yolo County Resource Conservation District is seeking applications for a highly motivated, and enthusiastic Field Technician for restoration and conservation activities on public and private lands.

### ABOUT US

Located in Woodland, CA the Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a special district of the State of California that works closely with a variety of local and regional partners to restore and protect Yolo County watersheds through strategic conservation projects and programs, and by offering conservation planning and watershed coordination services to local residents and landowners. We have been helping people help the land since 1955. We spend our days helping to ensure clean and abundant water, thriving wildlife, viable local farms and ranches, and resilient communities. Learn more about us on our website at [www.yolorcd.org](http://www.yolorcd.org).

### ABOUT THE POSITION

The RCD is seeking a hardworking, dedicated team member with a strong interest in working on conservation projects in an agricultural community. This person will be involved in assisting RCD staff with conservation planting and irrigation installations, weed management, and site maintenance on a variety of projects at multiple sites. Must be comfortable operating equipment including driving a large pick-up truck pulling a trailer. The Field Technician will assist with RCD field-related education and outreach events such as high school student and community planting events. Conservation projects include restoration implementation and establishment activities on several ongoing projects on public and private land that include native pollinator hedgerows, riparian restoration, stormwater drainage structures and agricultural field borders. Candidates must have an adventurous spirit, collaborative nature and enjoy working with partners and clients with different perspectives, priorities and temperaments. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of agricultural practices and experience in restoration planning and site management.

Reporting to the Field Manager, the Field Technician will:

- Assist with project weed management activities, which may include, but are not limited to herbicide application, mowing, weed whacking and participating in controlled burns.
- Monitor vegetation and weed populations.
- Operate equipment such as hand and power tools, an ATV, mower, string trimmer, chainsaw and backpack sprayer, possibly a Bobcat, trencher, or small tractor.
- Irrigate native plantings by using a drip system with portable pumps, water truck or crop irrigation piping.
- Plant native plants.
- Apply mulch around plantings for weed control and water conservation.
- Vegetation monitoring using digital mapping compatible technology.

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The Mission of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District is to Protect, Improve, and Sustain the Natural Resources of Yolo County.



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- Work with and support other staff in the installation and maintenance of other vegetation and restoration projects which may include habitat restoration design, planning, implementation, volunteer planting events and maintenance.

The Field Technician works in the field in a variety of outdoor, and sometimes inclement, weather conditions and must have the ability to work on uneven terrain including rock hopping, ditch hopping including walking up to 2 miles, bending, stooping, squatting, twisting, reaching and working on irregular surfaces, frequent lifting of up to 25 pounds and occasional lifting of up to 50 pounds. Individuals who do not meet these requirements due to a physical or mental disability may request a reasonable accommodation.

Applicants must possess and maintain a valid California driver's license, Class C or higher, to carry out job related duties.

This is a full-time hourly position, 32 to 40 hours per week negotiable. Occasional weekend or evening work may be required. Compensation will be commensurate with applicable experience.

## COMPENSATION

\$16-24/hour

## TO APPLY

Please email a cover letter, resume and three references to Bailey Adams at [adams@yolorcd.org](mailto:adams@yolorcd.org). Deadline to apply is May 21, 2021. Applicants may later be asked to submit a driving record. The position is open until filled. If you would like additional information, please contact the email address above.

The Resource Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer. Candidates reflecting the social diversity of California are strongly encouraged to apply.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of experience and education which provides the required knowledge and skills is acceptable but preferably:

- Significant progress toward or completion of a bachelor's degree in an agriculture, ecology or natural resource related field **or** six (6) months experience working in these areas.
- Training and experience with the operation of hand and power tools such as weed whackers, backpack sprayers, chainsaws and shovels.
- Training and experience with the operation of equipment such as heavy-duty trucks, landscape trailers, ATV and side by sides, boom sprayers, water pumps, seeders and small tractors.
- Knowledge of native plants and weed species.
- Training and experience with landscape and vegetation management including planting and irrigation.



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- Training and experience with wildland vegetation management including mowing, prescribed fire and herbicide treatment.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Excel, Word and Outlook helpful.
- Willingness and interest in gaining training and experience in preferred qualifications above.