



WATER RESOURCES/NEPA SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Water Resources/NEPA Specialist

Full-Time

Based in Hood River, Oregon

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ABOUT FCA:

Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) works to modernize irrigation infrastructure through technologies and consulting for the benefit of agriculture, the environment, and communities. FCA established as a non-profit organization in 2005 to market the newly-developed Farmers Screen fish screen. Over the last decade, FCA has evolved beyond just the Farmers Screen technology to work with irrigators, agencies, environmental organizations, elected officials, and many others to provide a one-stop shop for modernizing irrigation infrastructure. As most irrigation systems in the western United States are nearly a hundred years old, modernizing these systems is one of the best opportunities for achieving agricultural resiliency, economic development, and environmental benefits.

JOB SUMMARY:

FCA's Water Resources/NEPA Specialist will provide high quality deliverables for FCA's Irrigation Modernization Program. The ideal candidate will have experience with NEPA compliance for state and federally funded projects related to water resources. In a typical week, the Water Resources/NEPA Specialist may draft part of an Environmental Assessment, collate irrigation diversion and water rights data, and evaluate water quantity and quality conditions. In that same week, the Water Resources/NEPA Specialist may join other staff to meet with an irrigation district manager or participate in a call with state agencies.

This full-time, exempt position provides a competitive salary and benefits package.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Prepare, review, and revise NRCS Watershed Plans and NEPA documents related to irrigation modernization efforts
- Prepare, review, and revise technical documents such as permit applications, planning documents, and technical evaluations
- Collate, analyze, and summarize data related to environmental, agricultural, and community conditions
- Evaluate baseline conditions and analyze the potential effects of proposed projects
- Interact with irrigation district staff and/or board members, agency staff, and or community members via phone, email, and in person
- Travel to potential project sites and project installations
- Participate in FCA staff and partner working sessions

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- B.A or B.S. degree in water resources or a related degree
- 2+ years professional experience in water resources planning, permitting, and compliance, including NEPA
- Experience with basic GIS data evaluation and map preparation
- Experience working with agricultural and/or environmental communities, organizations, and/or individuals
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work alone and as part of a cohesive team
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Acrobat

A valid driver's license and reliable transportation are required for this position. This position also requires the ability to traverse uneven ground such as stream beds and agricultural fields.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, AND ABILITIES:

- 4+ years professional experience in water resources planning, permitting, and compliance, with a focus on NEPA
- Experience with state and federal rules and regulations related to permitting and implementing irrigation modernization strategies, including the Endangered Species Act, NEPA, and related rules and regulations
- Extensive experience with GIS data evaluation and map preparation

TO APPLY:

To apply for the position of FCA Water Resources/NEPA Specialist, please submit a cover letter and resume to info@fcasolutions.org with "FCA Water Resources/NEPA Specialist" as the subject of the email. Please do not contact FCA directly about this opportunity.

Applications should be addressed to:

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Position is open until filled