

Job Announcement

ACQUISTION SPECIALIST (1294)

\$84,653.59 - \$102,915.89 ANNUALLY

Summary

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space) permanently protects the diverse agricultural, natural resource, and scenic open space lands of Sonoma County for future generations. We are currently recruiting for a full-time Acquisition Specialist - a critical team member who will manage, oversee or lead land conservation projects of Ag + Open Space. This is an excellent opportunity to join a mission-driven organization with a passion for protecting lands that contribute to Sonoma County's scenic beauty, local agriculture, native habitats and recreational lands.

Duties

The Acquisition Specialist will be part of a dynamic team developing and implementing land conservation through real estate transactions, primarily conservation easements, including appraisals, title work, due diligence, escrow and closing. Working with landowners the Acquisition Specialist will negotiate transactions that benefit healthy communities, clean water and air, diverse habitats, sustainable agriculture, and climate resiliency throughout Sonoma County. In support of the Ag + Open Space land conservation mission, the Acquisition Specialist will collaborate with and present to the public, with easement landowners, project partners, contractors, agency staff, and oversight bodies including the Ag + Open Space Board of Directors, Advisory Committee, and Fiscal Oversight Commission.

Requirements

Any combination of education and work experience that would provide an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and abilities listed herein. Normally, this would include a Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, with coursework in conservation planning, agriculture, ecology, geography, environmental science, resource management, landscape architecture, agribusiness or other related fields, and three years of experience involving increasingly responsible project management in land conservation, preferably in a governmental, non-profit land trust, land management, or similar organization. Significant coursework in and/or experience with conservation easement design and negotiation, graduate level study, and experience working as a project lead capacity are highly desirable.

Application Process

The job posting period is March 1 - March 31, 2021. All applications must be received by midnight March 31st. Interviews for selected candidates will be held April 16th and 20th via teleconference.

Application instructions are provided on: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sonoma

