AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST (PLANNER-1285)

$77,619.99 - $94,337.82 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 Planner (Agricultural Specialist) - a critical team member who will support planning for the land conservation activities 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 Agricultural Specialist will be part of a dynamic team developing and implementing agricultural related initiatives; enhancing relationships with agricultural agencies and organizations; identifying, soliciting, and supporting agricultural conservation projects; and researching other related land conservation policies and tools that support the agricultural preservation work of Ag + Open Space. In support of the Ag + Open Space land conservation mission, the Agricultural 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 open space planning, preferably in a governmental, non-profit land trust, land management, or similar organization. Significant coursework in and/or experience with agricultural, graduate level study, and experience working as a project lead capacity are highly desirable.

Application process
The job posting period is December 8 - 23, 2020. All applications must be received by 11:59 PM PST, December 23. Interviews for selected candidates will be held January 12 and 19 via teleconference. Application instructions are provided on: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sonoma

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