POSITION: Biologist Interpreter

Full-time / Benefited / Hourly / Non-Exempt

RECRUITMENT ID: 628

LOCATION: Geographical Information Center

COMPENSATION: $19.00 - $21.00 per hour DOE

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: The Biologist Interpreter is an office position with occasional field work that requires a background in biology or a related field with a specialty in botany, or coursework in plant identification/taxonomy. Under general supervision from the GIC Project Manager, the Biologist Interpreter will assist the Geographical Information Center with a variety of duties related to the program’s vegetation mapping and inventory projects. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Aerial photo and image interpretation of natural areas including wetland, vernal pool, and riparian vegetation
- Enter vegetation data into existing databases
- Perform Rapid Assessments/Releves following California Native Plant Society protocol
- Data entry and quality control of vegetation databases.
- Collect and prepare plant samples for identification
- Heads-up digitizing vegetation polygons and attribute with biological data
- Use spreadsheets, databases, and word processing functions on computer systems.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS: Education and Experience - requires Bachelor of Science in biology or a related field with specialized training/coursework in plant taxonomy, plant community ecology, general ecology, or other related courses; experience in field sampling of plant populations or vegetation communities. Knowledge, Skills, Abilities & Attributes - Thorough knowledge of botany and plant taxonomy for plant identification ∙ Knowledge of California flora and California plant communities ∙ Ecological field sampling methods including plant cover estimation ∙ Use of GPS and other field equipment ∙ A general knowledge of geographical information systems (GIS) ∙ Experience with ESRI software ∙ Experience with the National Vegetation Classification Standard and California’s vegetation classification system ∙ Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing ∙ Ability to conduct field work while promoting safe working conditions, including navigating in remote rugged terrain using a topographic map and compass; proven ability to work independently and interact well with crew members ∙ Ability to prioritize tasks and to adjust to change in a fast paced, constantly changing environment ∙ Ability to solve problems ∙ Ability to coordinate daily field tasks, manage data for field team, ensuring data are recorded and entered accurately and consistently ∙ Must possess a valid California driver license, Class C.

BENEFITS: Benefits include options for health, vision and/or dental insurance; employer contributions to a 403(b) retirement plan (beginning year 2); employer-paid life and disability insurance; and paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Application and announcement can be located on our website. In order to be considered, applicants must submit the following:

- CSU, Chico Research Foundation application
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three professional references

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2019 will not be considered. Applications can be submitted:

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