



Job Title: Water Resources Specialist (Chapter Conservation Coordinator)

Chapter: Lone Star Chapter (Texas)

Reports to: Water Resources Coordinator

Context: Works with Texas Living Waters (TLW) team to plan, organize and implement TLW project objectives.

Scope: The Water Resources Specialist is responsible for implementing the Chapter's activities related to the Texas Living Waters Project under the direction of the Water Resources Coordinator. This includes conducting research on water resources, participating in stakeholder processes and advocating at the local and state level to strengthen the work of the Chapter on environmental and natural resource issues.

Job Activities:

1. Develops and implements campaign strategies for conservation programs and projects in accordance with chapter policy using a proactive and creative approach to achieve success.
2. Reviews and provides technical evaluation of water resource related documents and proposals pertaining to topics such as; regional and state water planning, water management related documents, selected water rights applications, legislation, groundwater management plans, HCP and habitat restoration, water conservation and drought management.
3. Conducts research on water resources (including water availability and use, water conservation practices, environmental water needs) and related natural resource topics in accordance with program objectives.
4. Monitors and provide input on issues related to water resources issues as they emerge such as water conservation best practices, brackish and seawater desalination and groundwater management especially as it pertains to spring flow.
5. Prepares reports and provides briefings for Chapter staff, volunteers, Executive Committee and others on water and related natural resource topics on an as needed basis.
6. Works closely with volunteer leaders and Chapter staff to determine needs for technical information on water and related natural resource topics and to provide that information.
7. Monitors, analyzes, and evaluates laws, initiatives and new developments pertaining to conservation program objectives at the community, state and national levels.

8. Participates in stakeholders processes related to Endangered Species Act, environmental flows, and regional water planning and other water resources related topics representing the Club's objective or mission.
9. Prepare and make presentations to community, political, and governmental bodies regarding water resources program efforts. Prepare press releases, newsletters, flyers, etc. to keep the Club membership and the general public informed. Coordinates with Communications team on strategy and messaging.
10. Conducts surveys, investigations, and research needed to achieve objectives of conservation program.
11. Participates in conservation program planning, tracking and reporting.
12. Performs miscellaneous duties as assigned.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Geography, Hydrology or related field.
- 2-3 years experience in the water and/or natural resources field that includes research, organizing campaigns, press relations and public speaking.
- Strong oral and written communications skills, especially related to distilling complex technical issues for non-technical audiences.
- Demonstrated familiarity with water and related environmental topics, issues, and literature. Texas-specific knowledge is preferred but not necessary.
- Proficiency in the use of computer software, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and WordPress
- Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and effectively with staff, volunteers, and people with opposing viewpoints.
- Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure

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