



Kittitas County Conservation District

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Kittitas County Conservation District Seeking Resource Technician I

The Kittitas County Conservation District is seeking a qualified individual to fill a new temporary Resource Technician I position. This is a full-time, grant funded position focused on learning the conservation planning process, Farm Bill programs, and local conservation practices and then using that knowledge (under the guidance of experienced planners) to provide sound technical assistance to landowners and land managers. **The position begins immediately and is funded for 2 years.**

The Resource Tech I position is part of a dynamic team of resource professionals working to implement the vision of the Kittitas County Conservation District. Our vision is to be recognized by all private landowners as a source of financial, technical and educational assistance in Kittitas County; and by local, state and federal authorities as the organization of choice to implement on-the-ground stewardship activities. We serve the citizens of our community (county, state, country) to ensure the long term use of natural resources in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner using non-regulatory, voluntary approaches.

How to apply:

- Review the attached Position Description.
- Complete the KCCD Job Application Form.
- Attach a current resume (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Complete a cover letter (not to exceed 1 page) describing your interest in the position and highlighting your skills and abilities.

Submit your completed Job Application form, resume and cover letter via US Mail or in person to:

**Anna Lael, District Manager
Kittitas County Conservation District
2211 W Dolarway Road, Ste 4
Ellensburg, WA 98926**

Electronic submissions are acceptable to the e-mail address below, however individuals submitting via e-mail are solely responsible to ensure that their completed application, resume and cover letter are received timely. Fax submissions are not acceptable.

a-lael@conserveva.net

**Position is open until filled. First review of applicants
will occur after April 1, 2019.**

Title: Resource Technician I

Introduction

The person in this position works proactively to assist private landowners and land managers to develop and implement conservation practices on the landscape and oversee implementation of projects. This position also includes assisting with project administrative duties as needed, conducting educational and outreach activities related to the improvement of natural resources on private lands, and assisting with general agency operations.

Primary Job Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Resource Technician I is to provide conservation planning assistance to private landowners beginning with an initial evaluation of natural resource concerns and concluding with implementation of conservation practices. The person in this position will primarily work directly with Ellensburg Field Office staff of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Duties include the following:

- Learn and implement the basics of NRCS's conservation planning process with the assistance of experienced planners
- Learn and understand the basics of common local conservation practices (e.g., stock water systems, irrigation systems, grazing systems, tree planting, etc.)
- Work with private landowners to develop, implement, maintain and revise conservation plans that address natural resource concerns on their property
- Learn and understand the basics of available Farm Bill programs through NRCS in order to communicate them to landowners
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Candidate must be a US citizen. This position requires an individual with natural resource management-based knowledge/experience, in combination with a desire to assist landowners in reaching their stewardship goals. The desired candidate must also have the ability to work on multiple projects and adjust priorities as necessary based on program needs; must be self-directed and motivated with an aptitude for troubleshooting and problem solving; and must have the ability to work closely, cooperatively, and in a non-confrontational manner with others in a public office environment. Candidates should have:

- A bachelor's degree with academic training and/or experience in natural resource sciences and/or agricultural or related fields (e.g. natural resource ecology, soil science, crop science, plant science, animal science, field crop management, agricultural engineering, etc.) and at least one year of experience in a similar working environment. **Significant job experience may be accepted in lieu of a degree.**
- Ability to collect, manage, and analyze natural resource field data including planning, implementing and reporting components.
- Proficiency in written and oral communication techniques to prepare and explain conservation plans, prepare informational articles, and to prepare summary work reports.
- Advanced computer software skills. Ability to use Microsoft Word and Excel in an efficient and effective manner to write reports, keep track of work progress, prepare educational and informational materials and record field data.

- Ability to effectively use a variety of tools (e.g. GPS, stream flow meter, camera, etc.) to collect, disseminate, and record natural resource data.
- Ability to work closely and collaboratively with others in a public office environment.
- Ability to organize and plan own schedule of activities.
- Ability to maintain accurate records regarding time-keeping and authorized expenses.
- Service-oriented attitude and constructive problem-solving skills.
- Ability to safely operate a motor vehicle in varied conditions.

Physical Requirements and Working Conditions

Office and outdoor environment with regular travel to a variety of locations to conduct work and may be exposed to typical hazards encountered at such work sites. Field visits and field work at project sites requires ability to safely traverse uneven ground in varied weather conditions; occasionally carrying up to 50 pounds of equipment and/or materials. This is a full-time, non-exempt position consisting of 40 hours/week. Position may require some occasional work after regularly scheduled work hours.

Licenses, Certificates & Other Requirements

- Valid Washington State Driver's License at time of hiring with maintenance thereafter.

Compensation & Benefits

This position's starting wage range is \$17-\$22/hour (\$35,360 to \$45,760 annually) DOQ. This position receives annual leave, family/medical leave, holidays, medical insurance and retirement benefits. Terms of compensation and benefits are set by the Board of Supervisors and may be amended at any time. This is a temporary grant-funded position. The position is also subject to an "employee at will" doctrine. The omission of specific statements of duties and responsibilities does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.



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The KCCD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY DELAY OR DISQUALIFY YOU.

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State Zip Code

Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Date Available: _____ Position Applied For: _____

Are you 18 years or older?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you ever worked for this company?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, when?
Do you possess a valid driver's license?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
I have read the job description and can perform the duties without an accommodation.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, explain:
Do you have any relatives working for the Kittitas County Conservation District?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain:

EDUCATION

High School:		City & State:	
From:	To:	Did you graduate? Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree:
College:		City & State:	
From:	To:	Did you graduate? Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree:
Other:		City & State:	
From:	To:	Did you graduate? Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree:
Relevant Professional Certificates and/or Licenses:			

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Resumes may be attached but will not be accepted as a substitute for completing this section and are not used in the initial screening process. Beginning with your present or most recent employment, list all your work experience for at least the last ten years, including periods of self-employment, volunteer activities, & U.S. military service. Attach separate sheets if necessary.

Company: _____	Phone: () _____
Address: _____	Supervisor: _____
Job Title: _____	Starting Salary: _____ Ending Salary: _____
Responsibilities: _____	
From: _____ To: _____ Reason for leaving: _____	
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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REFERENCES	
Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Company: _____	Phone No.: _____
Address _____	Email: _____
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Company: _____	Phone No.: _____
Address _____	Email: _____
Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Company: _____	Phone No.: _____
Address _____	Email: _____

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the information contained in the employment application I submit to the Kittitas County Conservation District is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that material omissions or falsification of this application in any detail may result in my disqualification from consideration for employment or for dismissal from employment.

I understand that upon offer and acceptance of a position with the Kittitas County Conservation District I will be required to immediately furnish documentation establishing my identity and eligibility to be legally employed in the United States.

I understand that the Kittitas County Conservation District is in no way obligated to provide employment and also that I am in no way obligated to accept employment, if offered. This application does not bind either party, and the statements contained herein do not constitute and should not be interpreted to constitute any sort of contract of employment for a specific period of time.

Further, I am also aware that if I am hired by the Kittitas County Conservation District, my employment is at-will. Employment may be terminated with or without cause at any time by me or by the Kittitas County Conservation District. Terms and conditions of employment with the District may be modified at the sole discretion of the Kittitas County Conservation District with or without cause and with or without notice.

Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant Authorization for Release of Information

I, _____, authorize the Kittitas County Conservation District to contact all of my former or present employers for the purposes of verification and reference. This may include information of a confidential or privileged nature, to include but is not limited to contacting any references, and/or contacting anyone else who might be familiar with my past job performance. I knowingly and voluntarily release the Kittitas County Conservation District, its individual employees and Board members, and all my former or present employers, and their individual employees, from any and all known and unknown claims for damages or other relief arising out of the Kittitas County Conservation District request for and receipt of employment information, unless my current or former employer is prohibited by state or federal law from disclosing the information that the Kittitas County Conservation District requests. A photocopy of this signed Authorization is as valid as the original and shall be provided upon request to anyone from whom information is requested in determining my job qualifications. This release will expire at the end of the recruitment period.

Signature _____

Date _____