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## South Yakima Conservation District

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### **Agricultural Resource Technician**

**Closing Date: Open Until Filled**

The South Yakima Conservation District in Zillah, WA is seeking an individual to fill a full time position for an Agricultural Resource Technician.

This position will address on-farm natural resource issues by providing direct one-on-one technical assistance to private landowners and operators within the boundaries of the South Yakima Conservation District through farm/conservation planning, implementation of Best Management Practices, and information/education.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Promote the organization, role, mission, goals and programs of the Conservation District.
- Address natural resource concerns by working with landowners and operators in the development of natural resources conservation plans.
- Provide technical assistance to the public as needed.
- Promote and manage a cost-share program for the implementation of Best Management Practices.
- Assist in writing grant applications to funding sources for program implementation.
- Attend and provide a verbal report to the Board of Supervisors at the monthly District Board meetings.
- Participate on committees as assigned by the Board of Supervisors.
- Know and comply with all District Personnel Policies.
- Assist with the Livestock Nutrient Management Grant Program as needed.
- Assist with general office duties as needed.
- Perform other tasks as assigned by the District Manager.

**Qualifications:** This position requires a solid background in agricultural operations/practices and a working knowledge of irrigation systems, soil and water conservation principles, and water quality related issues. A high degree of confidentiality and diplomacy, along with common sense is required. In addition, the following are also required:

- Ability to maintain a professional work ethic while completing all duties assigned in a timely, courteous and professional manner.
- Must be able to effectively communicate verbally and in writing with cooperators, co-workers, and others.
- Must be able to make presentations to groups of all ages.
- Must be able to work independently and in groups, work efficiently and honestly, and be self-motivated.
- Must be competent in reading, writing, speaking, hearing, and understanding the English language. Knowledge of the Spanish language would be helpful.



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- Ability to walk long distances in all types of terrain with possible exposure to inclement weather; lift and carry equipment and materials.
- Must have computer skills using Microsoft Office; knowledge of ArcView/ArcMap software and web skills are highly desired.
- Must be legally authorized to work in the United States and have a valid Washington State driver's license.
- Knowledge of Conservation Districts and/or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a plus.

### **Compensation:**

- \$3,000 - \$3,500/monthly dependent on experience and qualifications. Retirement benefits as well as holidays, vacation and sick leave.

### **How to apply:**

- Applicants must provide a one page cover letter and a resume including at least 3 professional references. Applications may be mailed to South Yakima Conservation District, PO Box 1766, Zillah, WA 98953 or delivered to the district office at 200 Cheyne Road, Zillah, WA or emailed to [lc@sydc.us](mailto:lc@sydc.us).