



**Watsonville Wetlands Watch**  
**Position Announcement**  
**Title: Part-time Environmental Educator**

**Background:**

The Watsonville Wetlands Watch (WWW) is a community supported non-profit organization with the mission to protect, restore and foster an appreciation for the wetlands of the Pajaro Valley. Watsonville Wetlands Watch oversees the Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center (WERC), which is a joint endeavor of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD), the City of Watsonville and the Watsonville Wetlands Watch.

Our environmental education programs are inquiry-based and hands-on. They are based on outdoor experiential learning experiences utilizing the precious wetlands of Watsonville to instill a conservation ethic and promote environmental stewardship in the youth of the Pajaro Valley. We serve students grades 4-12 from schools in the Pajaro Valley. Our programs include Wetland Stewards - an after school program with a peer mentoring component, Wetland Wonders 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program – a wetland science school day program, Project Tierra - student and volunteer-based community science monitoring program, and Green Grizzlies - a school greening program at Pajaro Valley High School.

**Position Overview:**

The Environmental Educator 1 (EE 1) position coordinates and teaches classroom and outdoor wetland-based activities for youth of the Pajaro Valley, through our Wetland Stewards, Wetland Wonders, Project Tierra, and Green Grizzlies programs.

The Wetland Stewards After School Program is in partnership with Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) Extended Learning Department. This program offers PVUSD elementary and middle schools regular 8-week sessions of hands-on, experiential wetland programming. There is a critical mentoring component that involves paid high school interns who the EE1 trains and supervises so that they may help lead the students through outdoor inquiry-based activities. Interns develop

leadership skills and serve as positive role models to younger students as they explore the wonders of the wetlands in their community.

The Wetland Wonders 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program explores the wetlands in fall and spring with visiting 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes from several schools in PVUSD. The field trips are during the school day and are usually three hours long. All of the activities and lessons delivered through WWW education programs are hands-on and inquiry-based and are aligned with CA State Standards as well as Next Generation Science Standards.

In addition to coordinating and providing instruction for these two programs, the EE1 maintains the WERC classroom, education materials and equipment, coordinates student participation in special events, provide support for other program field trips and assists visitors of the WERC during open hours.

The Environmental Educator will report to the Director of Education Programs. This position will spend 75% of the time dedicated to delivering the Wetland Stewards & Wetland Wonders Programs, and 25% dedicated to all other programs and position duties.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and EXPERIENCE**

Watsonville Wetlands Watch provides a fun and supportive work environment and we are looking for a dynamic team player who is creative, passionate about the environment, and loves working with youth and volunteers.

### **Required Qualifications:**

Bachelor's degree in an environmentally-related field plus one year experience providing environmental education to K-8 youth, excellent organization and teaching skills, experience coordinating and providing environmental education to people of all ages, a valid California driver's license and insurance, have experience working with volunteers, ability to take initiative and work independently, ability to utilize technology (MS Office, PowerPoint, iPads, social media), ability to lift 30 lbs. and experience designing curriculum and activities.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate will be bilingual in English and Spanish, have experience coordinating and providing environmental education to people of all ages, have familiarity with the Watsonville community, and a background in wetland ecology.

**Compensation:**

This is a 32 hours/week position with benefits including prorated medical, vacation, and sick time. It is contingent upon availability of grant funding. The hourly rate range is \$17-\$20/hour and is competitive with the education field and commensurate with experience. WWW also strives to provide staff professional development experiences and is an equal opportunity employer.

**To apply:** please send a resume and cover letter to [emily@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org](mailto:emily@watsonvillewetlandswatch.org)

**Deadline to apply is Friday, July 12, 2019.**