



PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

WATER RESOURCES SPECIALIST

Natural Resources Department, Nixon, NV
\$45,968.00 - \$50,710.40 hr. Regular, Full-Time, Exempt
Class Code: 434, Grade 16, Step 1-3; DOE

Date Posted: 02/04/2025.

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

DEFINITION: Performs administrative and other described duties to meet the goals and objectives of the Water Resources Department and Tribe.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Recommend changes to the Tribal water code to more effectively manage the Tribe's current and future water use.
- Develop a comprehensive river flow monitoring program and database encompassing other department datasets from water quality monitoring, biological surveys, habitat surveys, vegetation and geomorphology.
- Provide technical interpretation of Federal and State regulations in ongoing water right negotiations.
- May assist in the implementation of procedures necessary for effective administration of the Water Quality Control Plan and notify supervisor of any non-compliance issues.
- Review State Engineer's water rights database to monitor water transfer applications and check compliance with federal agreements.
- Assist in the administration of present and future Tribal water rights.
- May conduct research of water rights using records at the offices of the State Engineer, Nevada Division of Water Resources and Federal Water Master.
- Develop Annual Water Management Plan in accordance with directions from the Pyramid Lake Intertribal Disciplinary Team and Water Resources Director.
- Administer compliance with the TROA-MOA (TRUCKEE RNER OPERATING AGREEMENT-MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT) at the direction of the Natural Resources Director.
- Administer compliance with the Water Quality Settlement Agreement at the direction of the Natural Resources Director.
- Administer and Supervise the Pyramid Lake Tribal Irrigation Program in consultation with the Natural Resources Director.
- Act as the primary liaison for construction projects under the administration of the Department of Water Resources.
- Review and comment on proposed legislation, draft rules and regulations, and other administrative and policy directives on water transfers, and water supply matters. Advise supervisor on the concerns, research performed, and actions initiated to resolve and respond to concerns.
- May participate and/or advise in the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act documents on behalf of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.
- Supervises Department of Natural Resources staff as assigned by the Natural Resources Director.
- Review and comment on TROA model results and changes and aquifer storage projects
- Familiar with the results and operations of Modflow, HEC-RAS, and other hydrologic models
- Perform other related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of: GPS software and hardware; negotiation techniques and skills in devising negotiation strategies to deal with existing and proposed water rights and water issues as directed by the Water Resources Director; Windows based software programs; principles and practices associated with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Natural Resources Department.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS con.:

- Ability to: work independently at times with minimal supervision; write clear, concise and complete reports; work effectively with the public and representatives of regulatory agencies; understand Federal regulations and interpret understanding of trust policy statements; understand Tribal goals and objectives and explain to other interested parties involved with water issues; understand and follow instructions in oral and written form; read topographic, soil survey and geographic maps; work with minimal supervision; troubleshoot computer hardware or software if needed; utilize new software programs and update current software or hardware; establish and maintain effective relationships with employees, general public and other agencies; read, write and interpret legal descriptions, deeds, leases, easements, and other land use documents.
- General knowledge of environmental laws and regulations and the ability to assess their application regarding land use activities, acquisition, disposal, exchange, or transfer of land/water property.
- Must possess valid Nevada driver's license and insurable under the Tribe's vehicle insurance policy.
- Must be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE & TRAINING:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university hydrology, engineering, geomorphology, or other related natural resources field of study. Two years' demonstrated experience in Natural Resources related field or any combination of experience, education, training, or other preparation which would indicate possession of the required knowledge, abilities and skills outlined above. At least two years supervisory experience.

TO APPLY: Applications may be obtained from the Human Resources Office at the Tribal Administrative Building in Nixon, Nevada; by writing to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe at PO Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424; or by calling the Human Resources Office at (775) 574-1000, Extension 1132.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is a drug free workplace. Applicants will be required to undergo drug testing prior to employment and will be subject to further drug and alcohol testing throughout their period of employment. . In addition, the Tribe implements a Background Investigation Program in which all employees are subject to a background investigation and favorable suitability determination as a condition of employment.

Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code, Section 472 and 473). However, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and all qualified applicants will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 703(I) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended in 1991.