

Code: 1847

Title: PROGRAM MANAGER:

CONSERVATION SCIENCE PROJECTS REVIEW/ COMPLIANCE

SUMMARY: Under general supervision of the Conservation Science Environmental Planning Manager within the Office of Sustainability and Conservation (OSC), this position will manage a specialized program involving review of proposed non-County development projects (federal, state and private) in relationship to County environmental policy, regulations and conservation objectives.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Typical job duties include, but are not limited to:

- Review private development proposals for land use changes including rezonings, comprehensive land use plan amendments, conditional use permits, etc.;
- Represent County staff and present findings / recommendations to diverse stakeholders and at public forums such as Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors' hearings.
- Review, coordinate and compile County-wide comments, and prepare staff reports pertaining to Federal projects, Inter-jurisdictional reviews, and other similar non-County projects that affect Pima County's environment and conservation interests.
- Oversee, coordinate, and ensure implementation of long-term obligations that arise from mitigation agreements between the County and non-County entities. Provide analysis and reports as necessary.
- Promote and participate in the development of consistent approaches to project planning on County lands to improve implementation of County conservation objectives; coordinate with senior OSC Staff, as appropriate.
- Provide support and technical expertise to County departments when implementing and updating departmental environmental policies/regulations/protocols to achieve compatible alignment with County conservation objectives.
- Assist in the launch of a new program that provides Section 10 permit coverage to private sector development. Implement the program through application review, issuance of coverage certificates, and provide reports and analyses to senior OSC Staff as necessary.
- Assist in compliance monitoring of Section 10 permit mitigation lands and in implementing other Section 10 permit obligations.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- (1.) A Graduate degree from an accredited college or university with a major in either:
 - a. conservation science, natural resources conservation, plant or wildlife biology, riparian ecology or other closely related plant or wildlife natural resources science field; OR
 - b. city, urban, or regional planning, public administration, geography, remote sensing, landscape architecture, or other closely related planning field
- (2.) A minimum of three years of work experience in reviewing public or private sector development projects for compliance with environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- (3.) Experience in leading or directly supervising inter-disciplinary project teams.
- (4.) Demonstrated skill and experience in analyzing complex regulatory situations and formulating appropriate environmental mitigation plans and conservation strategies.
- (5.) Experience in interpreting and applying federal, state and local environmental requirements in conservation or land use planning processes.
- (6.) Ability to communicate complex natural resource-based concepts both orally and in writing to special interest groups and lay audiences.