



ROGUE VALLEY
SEWER SERVICES
CLEAN WATER - HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

POSITION OPEN: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/STORMWATER TECHNICIAN

CLOSING: DECEMBER 3RD, 2021

SALARY RANGE: \$4,802-\$5,947 monthly

[Rogue Valley Sewer Services](#) (RVSS) is a regional provider of sanitary sewer service including conveyance and treatment in the Rogue River basin. Additionally, RVSS holds the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase II permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and is responsible for managing stormwater quality for the cities of Phoenix, Talent, and the unincorporated, urbanized portions of Jackson County, Oregon. As one part of meeting its permit requirements, RVSS provides education and outreach to contractors, municipalities, and the general public to communicate about best management practices to prevent prohibited materials from entering the stormwater system and flowing into local creeks. In 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency recognized RVSS for the cooperation and the hard work of our employees by naming RVSS the best-managed stormwater quality program in the country. We continue to excel in development and implementation of our program and in 2019, RVSS received a Gold Level award in Project Management and a Silver Level award in Innovation for its MS4 program from the Water Environment Federation. More information regarding the stormwater program can be found on our [website](#).

JOB SUMMARY:

Rogue Valley Sewer Services is seeking a qualified applicant to fill the position of an Environmental Science/Stormwater Technician. The Technician will work under the direct supervision of the Stormwater Program Manager assisting with implementation of the MS4 Phase II Stormwater Permit Program. Implementation of the program involves public education and outreach, public involvement, construction site erosion and sediment control, post-construction stormwater management, and illicit discharge detection and elimination.

The Technician will lead development, coordination and implementation of a public education and outreach program for community sectors including the general public, business and commercial institutions, local elected officials, and jurisdictional staff. Development and implementation of events will require extensive collaboration with community partners. To conduct inspections effectively, the Technician must establish and maintain effective working relationships with agencies, contractors, businesses, municipalities, schools and community organizations. The position will involve occasional weekend and evening work for events, face-to-face interaction with the public and fieldwork.

This is a full-time position with flexible work hours to be scheduled Monday to Friday, generally between 7am and 5pm. All applicants are subject to RVSS policies and procedures, must pass a background check and have a valid driver's license.

Rogue Valley Sewer Services is an equal opportunity employer.

EXCELLENT BENEFITS:

- Full family medical, dental and vision insurance
- Flexible Spending Account for medical expenses
- 11 paid holidays,
- 16 hours/month of paid time off (PTO) after the first year of employment
- RVSS contributes 8.6% of employee's base salary to a retirement account

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Employment application found on our [website](#)
2. Transcripts (may be unofficial), if less than two years of job history
3. Cover Letter outlining how the candidate meets the qualifications of the job and how the position fits with the applicants career goals.

Submit job application materials as a single email to the Executive Secretary, Joan Pariani, jpariani@rvss.us by 5pm on December 3rd 2021.

ABOUT THE ROGUE VALLEY

“From World-class Wines, to Tony Awards, from National Parks, to Outdoor Adventure, Your Journey Begins . . .

Find your great performance while visiting Medford and the Rogue Valley. Revel in some of the best live productions on the west coast. Inspire creativity while perusing internationally acclaimed art. Savor award-winning wines harvested from the most diverse growing conditions around the globe. The Rogue Valley is home to Harry & David's world-famous Moose Munch and Rogue Creamery's prized blue cheese. Over 200 days of sunshine abound among breathtaking terrain, making it ideal for outdoor lovers to golf, hike, bike, jet boat, kayak, zip line and more!" [Travel Medford and the Rogue Valley website](#)



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JOB TITLE: Environmental Science
/Stormwater/Education and Outreach
Technician

POSITION: Full Time, Non-Exempt

DEPARTMENT: Stormwater

WAGE RANGE: \$4,802-\$5,947

PURPOSE OF POSITION: The Stormwater Technician’s primary responsibility is to assist the Stormwater Program Manager with development and implementation of the [MS4 permit](#) requirements.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive education and outreach strategy to reduce behaviors and practices that cause or contribute to adverse stormwater impacts on receiving streams. Target audiences for education and outreach include youth, general public, and construction site operators. Communication methods will be diverse and may include social media/print/virtual or in-person. Collaborate with regional and statewide partners to increase the effectiveness and impact of mutual education and outreach goals.
- Develop and implement public involvement and participation events that offer opportunities for the public to help improve stormwater runoff quality.
- Update MS Access and GIS databases with project and inspection information.
- Assist with updating GIS maps of the stormwater system including data collection with a GPS.
- Conduct stream investigations to identify sources of illicit discharge including collection of samples from streams and the stormwater system and basic lab work.
- Perform site visits to address complaints of discharges into the stormwater system. Inspect post-construction stormwater management facilities to ensure proper function. May inspect construction sites for adherence to erosion prevention and sediment control rules. Site visits can include written and photographic documentation of visits and correspondence or other communication with property owners and operators with the objective of informing them of regulations and actions to take to come into compliance.

AUXILLARY DUTIES

- Form positive community relations through interactions, communications and partnerships.
- Assist with annual reporting.
- Responsible, in conjunction with the Stormwater Manager, for creating, organizing and finalizing the layout of RVSS’ annual newsletter to ratepayers.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Graduation from an accredited four-year college with a minimum of a bachelor’s degree related to environmental education, natural resources or environmental science and two years of experience in communications, education, natural resources or environmental science work.

- Knowledge of environmental education methodology.
- Experience developing, facilitating, and implementing public education and outreach programs.
- Ability to organize, manage, and complete multiple competing tasks, with attention to detail and within deadlines.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills. Ability to effectively communicate with a broad spectrum of audiences, including the general public, construction contractors, public officials, and state and federal regulators. Comfortable with occasional public speaking and engaging with challenging individuals.
- Self-motivated and able to work in a team environment.
- Knowledge of fieldwork including collection of water and plant samples. Comfortable working safely and independently in the field under a variety of conditions.
- Ability to develop, plan, and implement short and long-range goals.
- Valid driver's license.
- An understanding of the value of relationship building to accomplish goals. Good interpersonal skills including conflict resolution and consensus building.

DESIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

- Experience using GIS software and collecting data in the field with a GPS unit.
- Ability to read and interpret construction drawings.
- Experience with graphical and written communication platforms and applications including social media, website, and graphic design and editing.
- Understanding of the principles of Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure.
- Basic understanding of water resources and infrastructure.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF POSITION: While performing the duties of this position, the employee is frequently required to sit, stand, bend, kneel, stoop, communicate, reach and manipulate objects. Duties involve moving materials weighing up to 40 pounds on a regular basis. Manual dexterity and coordination are required over 50% of the work period while wading through streams, operating field sampling equipment, computer keyboard, and standard office equipment.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Approximately 50% of the work period will take place outdoors with exposure to all environmental conditions, hazards, and noise levels associated with fieldwork, in-stream sampling and construction sites. The remaining work period occurs under usual office working conditions where the noise level is typical of most office environments with telephones, interruptions, and background noises.

A portion of the work involves public speaking as part of the Education and Outreach program. Some of this work will be done on weekends or evenings.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the direct supervision of the Stormwater Program Manager.