

Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District #226

257 State Highway 173 N, Ste 103

Hondo, TX 78861

Job Description

The Medina Valley Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has acquired a grant from the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) to employ a Technician to work in the Medina River Watershed. This grant is through the Environmental Protection Agency Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The grant is a three year grant, and this position is temporary.

Goals of the project include:

- **Fostering coordinated technical assistance activities between the TSSWCB, local SWCDs and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).**
- **Providing technical assistance to livestock producers for the development of Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs) and implementation of Best Management Practices.**
- **Assisting livestock producers in utilizing cost-share funds obtained through section 319 of the Clean Water Act**
- **Enable stakeholders and the public to participate in decision-making and provide a more complete understanding of water quality issues and how they relate to each citizen.**

In order to achieve these goals, duties of the individual hired for the position will include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Provide needed technical assistance to livestock producers in the designated watershed**
- 2) Plan, develop, and assist producers in the implementation of WQMPs**
 - This involves development of conservation plan maps showing boundaries, fields, land use, acres and facilities.
 - Acquisition of soil maps with appropriate interpretations.
 - Development of an implementation schedule.
 - Completion of appropriate worksheets used during the planning phases (forage inventories, grazing plans, erosion worksheets, and field notes).
- 3) Increase awareness of available CWA 319 and EQIP cost-share funds and program participation through press releases, public meetings, coordination with producer organizations at local events, etc.**
- 4) Assist in the acquisition of CWA 319 & EQIP funding for BMP implementation.**
- 5) Promote the TSSWCB WQMP Program and NRCS EQIP funding**
- 6) Track utilization of obligated cost-share funds from the CWA 319 & EQIP State Resource Concern for Water Quality.**
- 7) Coordinate with landowners in the watershed and all local, state and federal agencies involved in the grant.**
- 8) Track WQMP and BMP implementation success through status reviews of existing plans.**
- 9) Create a map showing the location of all WQMPs developed and BMPs implemented throughout the project. This map will not reveal the identity or exact location of any producer.**

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- 10) Assist in administering programs to educate citizens about water quality and their potential role in causing NPS pollution.**
- 11) Assist in conducting outreach to facilitate broader participation and partnerships with landowners, stakeholders, non-governmental organizations and local, state, and federal agencies.**
- 12) Maintain records of participants in the program and completion of WQMP and BMP implementation progress.**
- 13) Meet with employing SWCD monthly and other SWCDs as needed that may fall within the watershed.**
- 14) Maintain communication with other SWCD employees, NRCS employees, and TSSWCB Project Manager, Regional Office Staff, and Field Representative.**
- 15) Submit quarterly reports on progress of the grant in a timely manner to TSSWCB.**
- 16) Participate in the stakeholder process for WPP implementation, facilitated by the TSSWCB.**
- 17) Travel is required.**

This position is in Hondo, but travel and coordination will be required into other counties and SWCDs as needed to implement the grant.

Qualified individuals may have the following:

- Degree in natural resources management, agriculture, or related field from an accredited college or university.
- Knowledge of computers and computer programs including word processing, spreadsheets, mapping, and internet activities.
- Knowledge of planning and implementing planned Best Management Practices.
- Experience in working with agricultural landowners.

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