

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
CALIFORNIA WATER SCIENCE
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RECRUITMENTBULLETIN**

Job Title: Hydrologic Field Assistant Job
Announcement Number: CAWSC-005
Salary Range: \$15.79 to 17.66 USD/hour
Series & Grade: GG-1316-04
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Open Period: September 9, 2019 – September 23, 2019

Position Information:

Temporary position not to exceed 180 work days in a year. Part-time work schedule with periods of intermittent and full-time work (possible).

Duty Location:

SACRAMENTO, CA

Who May Be Considered:

United States Citizens

What General Information Do I need to Know About This Position?

THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status, may apply and be considered. Appointment to this position, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. Appointment will only be for the duration of the position.

Key Requirements:

- Suitable for Federal employment, as determined by background investigation.
- Overnight travel may be required.
- Selectee must provide a valid pass background and safe driving record.
- Selectee must pass a pre-employment medical examination at Federal expense.
- Must be able to obtain and maintain First Aid and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) certification for the duration of employment.

Major Duties:

Incumbent of this position performs technical work in support of professional or technical employees engaged in hydrologic data collection activities or chemical analysis of water samples in a laboratory. May perform any or all of the following duties:

- Collects surface-water, ground-water, and quality-water data from gaging stations, wells, or QW monitoring stations.
- Performs laboratory analysis of water samples to determine specified sediment, chemical, or biological concentrations or physical characteristics.
- Operates a government motor vehicle as an incidental driver.

Physical Demands: The work may require some physical exertion such as: long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven, or rocky surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, reaching, or similar activity; or recurring lifting of moderately heavy items weighing less than 23 kilograms (under 50 pounds) such as lifting and carrying stream gaging weights, data collection and monitoring devices, or sample trays.

Work Environment: The work is primarily outdoors and involves moderate or sometimes extreme exposure to the discomforts of rain, cold/hot weather, and rapidly running or icy streams and rivers. Special safety precautions are required in many cases; and the employee typically wears life jackets, special safety boots, waders, and reflective rain gear. Work is performed in a laboratory setting involving regular and recurring exposure to moderate risks, discomforts, or unpleasantness such as irritant chemicals.

Qualifications:

To be qualified for this position, applicants must possess experience or education beyond high school as described below:

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- 6 months field survey experience (includes outdoor field work making and recording field measurements and observations for hydrologic science investigations); **OR**
- 2 years of subprofessional experience (includes work performed in support of field investigations related to the hydrologic sciences which provided knowledge and skill in gathering, recording and assembling scientific data); **OR**
- 1 year of college work related to field of employment.

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- 9 months field survey experience (includes outdoor field work making and recording field measurements and observations for hydrologic science investigations); **OR**
- 3 years of subprofessional experience (includes work performed in support of field investigations related to hydrologic sciences which provided knowledge and skill in gathering, recording and assembling scientific data); **OR**
- 3 years college study (equivalent 90 semester/135 quarter hours) related to the field of employment. In addition, must also have 3 months of lab or field work experience. *

*Satisfactory completion of a field course of study may be substituted for the 3 months of field and/or laboratory experience.

You must meet all qualification and eligibility requirements for the position by the closing date of the announcement. Regardless of grade qualified and selected for, the position will have no promotion potential.

If you are qualifying based in whole or part on education, you are required to provide all unofficial transcripts (undergraduate, graduate, etc.) or list of course work, which includes semester hours earned and/or grade received, by the closing date of this announcement or you will be disqualified from further consideration. This proof may be faxed, emailed, mailed, or hand delivered to the contact listed.

Are There Any Special Requirements For This Position?

A background investigation will be required for this position. Continued employment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements will be grounds for termination.

You will be required to operate a government-owned or -leased vehicle in the performance of your official

duties. Applicants for this position must meet the following requirements: (1) possess a valid State license, and (2) possess a safe driving record. If selected, you will be required to provide proof of a valid State license and a copy of your driving record.

How You Will Be Evaluated:

All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience (including unpaid or volunteer experience). Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of this announcement. If selected for this position, applicant must provide a copy of their driving record. If it is determined the applicant does not possess a safe driving record, it may disqualify them from consideration of this position.

NOTE:

Applicants will receive a basic eligible or ineligible rating based upon the qualification requirements. First preference in referral will be given to eligible applicants entitled to 10 point veteran's preference who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more. All other qualified applicants entitled to veteran's preference will be given preference over qualified applicants not entitled to veteran's preference.

Benefits:

Working for the U. S. Geological Survey offers a benefits package including paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. In addition, temporary appointees expected to work at least 130 hours per month for at least 90 days will be eligible to enroll in a Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) plan. Individuals eligible under this rule receive the full government contribution to their premiums regardless of work schedule and will also be eligible to participate in the Flexible Spending Accounts and Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. Temporary appointees are not covered by the Federal Employee Retirement System and are ineligible for Federal life, dental, or vision insurance.

Other Information:

As a condition of employment, new employees reporting for duty with the Department of the Interior will be paid through direct deposit to a financial institution of their choice.

Applicants selected for Federal employment will be required to complete a Declaration of Federal Employment, OF-306, prior to being appointed to determine their suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. Failure to answer all questions truthfully and completely or providing false statements on the application may be grounds for not hiring the applicant, or for firing the applicant after he/she begins work. Also, he/she may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire non-citizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

USGS employees are subject to Title 43, USC Section 31(a) and may not: (a) have any personal, private, direct or indirect interest in lands or mineral wealth of lands under survey; (b) have any substantial personal, private, direct or indirect interests in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business with the United States; or (c) execute surveys or examinations for private parties or corporations.

The application contains information subject to the Privacy Act (P.L. 93-579, 5 USC 552a). The information is used to determine qualifications for employment, and is authorized under Title 5, USC, Section 3302 and 3361.

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How To Apply:

Applications must be received BEFORE midnight (Pacific Standard Time) on the closing date of this announcement. If you fail to submit a complete resume, you will not be considered for this position.

Requests for extensions will not be granted.

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO: Job Applications, GS-CAWSC

**U.S. Geological Survey
6000 J Street, Placer Hall Sacramento, CA 95819
Email: cawsc_job_applications@usgs.gov
Fax: 916-278-3070**

Required Documents:

- 1) If you are claiming 10-point veterans' preference, the California Water Science Center must receive your DD- 214 showing character of discharge, SF-15 and supporting documents (e.g., official statement from the Department of Veterans' Affairs) by the closing date of this announcement. If you fail to do so, you will only be granted 5-point tentative preference if appropriate.
- 2) DD-214 showing character of discharge is required if you are claiming 5-point veterans' preference.
- 3) Complete unofficial transcripts or a list of college courses, specifying title of course work, completion date, semester or quarter hours earned by course title, and grade earned (if using to qualify).
- 4) Cover Letter
- 5) Resume: the following should be included in order to best evaluate your qualifications:

JOB INFORMATION:

-Vacancy number, title, and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

- Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)
- Country of Citizenship
- Veteran's preference
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (also give job series and dates held)

EDUCATION:

- High school (name, address, including zip code if known)
- Colleges and universities (address including zip code if known)
- Majors
- type and year of any degrees received (if no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Give the following information on your paid and nonpaid work experience related to the job for which you are applying (do not send job descriptions)
- Job Title (include series and grade if Federal job)
- Duties and accomplishments
- Employer's name and address
- Supervisor's name and phone number
- Starting and ending dates (month, day and year)
- Hours per week
- Salary
- Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Job-related training courses title, length, date taken)
- Job-related skills (e.g. other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, machinery, typing speed)

-Job-related certificates and licenses (current only)

-Job-related honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g. publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities public speaking, and performance awards). Give details but do not send documents unless requested.

EEO Policy Statement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/equal-employment-opportunity/>

Accommodation Policy Statement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/reasonable-accommodation/>

Veterans Information <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/veterans/>

Legal and Regulatory Guidance: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/legal-and-regulatory-guidance/>