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ERA Economics
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Position

Consultant Economist - Agriculture and Water Resources
Multiple Career Levels (Associate - Senior)

Location

Davis, California

About Us

ERA Economics is an agricultural and resource economics consultancy based in Davis, California. We are on a mission to improve the agricultural economy's resilience to drought and water scarcity, new environmental and water regulations, and uncertainties from a changing climate. Our clients, who range from private businesses to agricultural industry associations and government agencies, face pressing issues related to drought, flooding, and implementation of new environmental and agricultural regulations and policy. With projects across California and the western United States, our work is focused on the intersection of agriculture and water resources.

ERA professionals have diverse backgrounds with experience in agribusiness, policy/agency analysis, and academia, but we're all economists with a passion for agriculture and applying economic tools to help clients make informed business and public policy decisions.

Benefits of Working at ERA

In addition to ERA's competitive total compensation package, there are many perks that come with working at our firm. As a small but growing firm all of our staff work closely with senior team members, providing an invaluable opportunity to collaborate directly with our industry thought leaders. Our professional but casual office environment encourages collaboration, creativity, and continuous learning. ERA also offers employees a flexible and hybrid work environment (within project work and client needs). As an efficient firm we limit administrative tasks to focus on what matters most: helping our team become industry leaders, solving interesting and important problems for our clients, and making a positive impact on our environmental sector, water management, and agricultural industries.

Candidate Profile

ERA Economics is looking for one or more agricultural and/or water resource economist(s) at all levels. Candidates should have an advanced degree (master's degree or higher), preferably with additional experience related to water resources and/or agriculture. The position will

involve all aspects of client engagement, project development, and project execution. As we continue to grow, you will also have the ability to assume new roles and responsibilities as they arise. Typical job responsibilities include:

- Analyze data and develop economic models and tools to support various analyses, such as: risk assessments, benefit-cost studies, economic impact analyses, market assessments, regulatory cost studies, business investment evaluations, and damage assessments
- Collaborate on interdisciplinary studies and projects, providing economic analysis and insights to a broader team of professionals (e.g., engineers, hydrogeologists, planners, etc.)
- Prepare presentations, economic reports, and peer-reviewed publications
- Communicate results clearly, provide actionable insights to clients in written and verbal form at meetings and other public venues
- Limited travel and field surveys as required for meetings at client offices and offsite locations

Requirements

- Master's degree or PhD in economics, agribusiness, or related field (Bachelor's degree could be considered with relevant industry experience)
- Some background and/or experience in agriculture and/or water resources
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, and the ability to manage multiple tasks and deadlines in team-based projects
- Experience managing data and performing quantitative analysis

Desired Skills

- 2+ years of relevant industry experience
- Programming experience and an interest in learning new skills; typical tools include R, Python, Excel, ArcGIS / QGIS, IMPLAN, SQL, Stata, GAMS
- Experience cultivating client relationships and managing projects
- Experience with local, state, and federal economic assessments, such as rulemaking, CEQA- and NEPA-related analyses, fee studies, etc.

Compensation

We offer a competitive total compensation package commensurate with experience including health and retirement benefits, and ample professional and personal development opportunities.

To Apply

Submit a cover letter, resume/CV, and (if available) a sample research paper, analysis, or report to admin@eraeconomics.com.