Water Justice Organizer

Position Summary: Friends of the Inyo seeks a Water Justice Organizer to assist with a campaign to improve the health of the communities and ecosystems in Payahuunadü, (now referred to as the Eastern Sierra, or Inyo and Mono Counties), through more just and equitable distribution and management of the area’s water. The position is part-time permanent (10 to 25 hours per week) and will report directly to the executive director.

Location: Payahuunadü, also referred to as the Eastern Sierra, or Inyo and Mono Counties

Responsibilities and Activities:
- Develop and execute organizing and advocacy goals, strategies, and tactics to achieve the more equitable and just distribution and management of water in Payahuunadu.
- Organize and develop strong relationships with diverse stakeholder groups including indigenous communities, business, recreation, and rural communities, non-traditional supporters of conservation, and others as activists and volunteers.
- Organize diverse stakeholder attendance at meetings and other events to influence decision makers and show their support for the campaign;
- Organize stakeholder communications with decision makers, including via email and phone, to influence decisions and to show their support for the campaign.
- Schedule and conduct events to educate and advocate for the more just and equitable distribution and management of area water.
- Uplift and inspire supporters for water justice to raise their voice for the cause in local media and online publications such as the Inyo Register and Sierra Wave.

Preferred Qualifications
- Experience in environmental advocacy;
- Experience with community organizing;
- Experience and desire to work with indigenous communities;
- Experience developing strategic communications and social media outreach;
- Ability to work with a diverse range of people;
• Multicultural skills; English-Spanish bilingual skills;
• Possesses knowledge of Inyo and Mono Counties and the history of water extraction in Payahuunadu/the Eastern Sierra.
• Experience living and working with Inyo and Mono County communities is preferred.

Requirements:
• Able to work on a computer, including sitting at a desk for extended periods; to read a computer screen; and manual dexterity to operate a keyboard;
• Able to maintain accurate records;
• Able to communicate concisely and persuasively and be understood by others, both orally and in writing;
• Able to work some evenings and weekends;
• Able to travel throughout Inyo and Mono Counties and regionally, including to the Los Angeles area;
• Valid driver’s license.

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Compensation for the position will be based on qualifications and experience, in the range of $20 to $23 hourly. Please submit a resume, and cover letter to Wendy@friendsoftheinyo.org. Position is open until filled.