



Work in the Sierra Nevada foothills this summer!

Monitoring Foothill Yellow-legged Frogs with CDFW



Term: Seasonal position, approximately May 1st to October 1st

Schedule: 40-hour work week (Mon- Thurs, 10 hrs./day) depending on weather & workload. Mostly day trips with some overnight camping trips. The office is in Rancho Cordova, CA.

Hourly rate: \$18.26 – \$21.67 (most start at \$18.26 an hour; as determined by personnel administrators, based on time in service with CDFW). **CDFW does not provide seasonal housing.**

Work Duties: Monitor Foothill Yellow-legged Frogs to assess impacts of flow regime and wildfire using visual encounter and capture-mark-recapture surveys, dataloggers, and trail cameras. Study sites are in the Sierra Nevada foothills and northern coast ranges. Successful applicants:

- Follow standardized aquatic survey protocols for amphibian recovery and monitoring
- Record data clearly and comprehensively using Survey123
- Coordinate closely with project lead to ensure complete and timely project implementation
- Enter data into computer systems and assist with analysis using Microsoft Office and GIS

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Equivalent to completion of two years of college with a minimum of 10 semester hours in biological or chemistry sciences. (*Undergraduate degree in biological sciences preferred*)
OR
2. One year of experience in surveying, studying, or evaluating fish or wildlife populations; or working in a scientific laboratory.

Desired Qualifications:

- General knowledge of California herpetofauna, particularly ranid species
- Experience conducting field surveys and comfort working in riparian habitats
- Knowledge of scientific nomenclature and general scientific research principles.
- Experience working with threatened and endangered species, especially amphibians

Physical Demands: Field work involves hiking with a heavy backpack over rugged, slippery terrain on and off trail. Expect exposure to variable weather, insects, poison oak, and rough or fast-moving cold water.

Work Supplies: Camping gear and [per diem provided for overnight travel](#)

To Apply: Complete application on Cal Careers by **Tuesday, April 2, 2026:**
calcareers.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=512814

This is NOT the same as Scientific Aide (JC-512784), which is backcountry-based and includes work with Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frogs. Applicants must apply for each separately.



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