



## **COTATI CREEK CRITTERS (CCC): Stewardship Intern**

CCC is seeking an intern to assist the Stewardship Coordinator, Wade Belew.

**CCC's mission** is to restore the upper reach of the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

**Cotati Creek Critters goals** are to:

- Enhance natural habitat for native species without compromising flood control;
- Organize Creek Stewardship Days to plant native trees, shrubs, and understory plants and to remove invasive species;
- Encourage an appreciation of Cotati's creeks and creekside (riparian) vegetation;
- Raise awareness that Cotati's creeks are part of the larger Laguna de Santa Rosa and Russian River watersheds;
- Enjoy this beautiful natural resource with our families, neighbors, and the community.

Currently, **restoration activities** that we are engaged in include:

- Managing a 1-mile restoration site on the upper reach of the Laguna de Santa Rosa.
- Hosting volunteer Creek Stewardship Days with individuals or specific groups.
- Planting native riparian trees and shrubs to establish a shady canopy and enhance habitat.
- Planting native understory plants including grasses, sedges, rushes, and forbs to stabilize soil and enhance habitat values.
- Regularly removing trash and debris along the creek.
- Maintaining our own plant nursery, propagating our own plants, or potting up and growing plants that will be used in our project.
- Interacting with supporting agencies and organizations, and building relationships with restoration practitioners, regulators, educators, local political leaders, and the community at large.

**Depending on the intern's skills, interests, time, and energy, the intern** could assist the Stewardship Coordinator in all restoration activities including:

- Staff Creek Stewardship Days: Help with setup, cleanup, and implementation; demonstrate and assist volunteers to properly and safely implement tasks necessary for restoration.
- Maintain existing plants by watering, weeding, pruning, mulching, etc.
- Propagate and care for plants in the nursery. Collect seeds.
- Maintain and repair restoration tools.

The **ideal candidate** would have these interests and attributes:

- Educational background in general ecology/botany, with an interest in ecological restoration and California native plants.
- Ability to work well with volunteers of all ages and backgrounds.
- Motivation to show up on time as scheduled, to receive direction, and to work both independently and in a team.
- Ability to perform difficult, physical work on uneven terrain. This is physically demanding work!

Send cover letter and resume (by email) to:

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See [www.CotatiCreekCritters.info](http://www.CotatiCreekCritters.info) for more information on our work, history, achievements, etc.

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