



**One Cool Earth**  
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## Job Opening | Farm Technician

**Purpose:** One Cool Earth believes everyone deserves a place to grow. Our One Cool Earth program creates school gardens to grow healthy, happy, smart youth at SLO County public schools. We are focused on using school gardens to have real impacts on childhood health, academics, and well-being. Our program's topics focus on Food Forests, Zero Waste, and Water Wise.

The Farm Technician supports the Farm Manager by providing technical support, guidance, and advice from the perspective of an agricultural industry professional. They will maintain working relations with District employees, including but not limited to the curriculum Director, Ag Educator, and Food Services Director in the pursuit of the district vision and objectives.

**Locations:** next to San Benito Elementary School, Atascadero

**Start Date:** July 1st, 2024

**Hours/Duration:** 300 hours per year

### Preferred Qualifications

- 8 amount years of experience in the commercial agricultural industry
- Experience with heavy farm equipment and machinery(including repair, maintenance, and operation)
- Access to specialized tools or equipment; or access to a network to acquire them
- Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently and be self-directed
- Able to work with people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds
- Willingness to create, adapt, and apply agricultural systems to suit the site
- Creative, flexible, and hard-working; able to manage your commitments responsibly

### Primary Responsibilities

- Visiting the site on a weekly to bi-weekly basis
- Aid in the decision-making of daily and weekly tasks such as planting, harvesting, weeding, fertilizing, irrigating, etc.
- Be available remotely to offer technical advice and support to the Farm Manager
- Work with the Farm Manager to prioritize the appropriate allocation of budget funds
- Physical technical support including; tractor and other mechanical operations, safe application of materials(pesticides and fertilizers), and retrieval of large material purchases
- Utilizing a cultivated network of local sources of materials and information
- Regular check-ins with Distrcit and OCE Staff
- Coordinate and perform field preparation, including mechanical methods such as tillage
- Assess crop quality, and troubleshoot



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**Physical Demands:** *The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.* The ability to perform farm labor tasks, including stooping, reaching, walking on varied terrain, operating heavy machinery, lifting, and carrying materials weighing up to 50 lbs.

**Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:** The applicant must possess a valid driver's license, a reliable vehicle with proof of insurance, and be able to pass a background check and TB test to work at schools; Qualified Applicators License and a Materials Use Permit for SLO County, preferred but not required

**Compensation:** This is a independent contractor position at the rate of \$30 per hour billed monthly. Maximum of 300 hours per year.

Flexible scheduling; **To Apply:** Please send your **resume** and a **cover letter** to both Natalie Perez at [nataliep@onecoolearth.org](mailto:nataliep@onecoolearth.org) and Katharine Rondthaler Kraig at [Kathariner@onecoolearth.org](mailto:Kathariner@onecoolearth.org)