

# **Environmental Careers in Tuolumne County**



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# What is Environmental Health and why should I consider a career in Environmental Health?

Environmental Health focuses on the relationships between people and their environment; The field works to advance policies and programs to reduce chemical and other environmental exposures in air, water, soil, and food to protect people and provide communities with healthier environments.



The work **combines** indoor office activities with outdoor field activities, creating an ideal work environment for many. It is impossible to predict what each day holds in store for the people who work in the Environmental Health field. **No two days are alike**, especially in smaller, rural counties. This

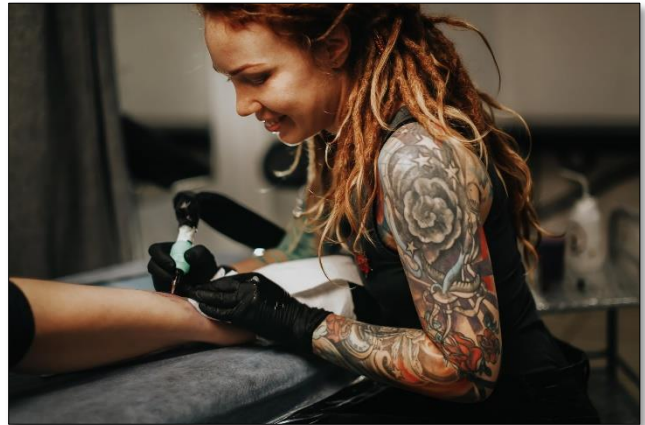


variety makes each both interesting and challenging.

Environmental Health positions at Tuolumne County come with full **county benefits** and opportunities for **career growth** and professional development.



Here are two short videos showing more Environmental Health activities. Open the page and scroll down to find the links.



Are you interested in Environmental Health? Call the Environmental Health Director at (209) 533-5665 or send an email to [bbanner@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:bbanner@co.tuolumne.ca.us).



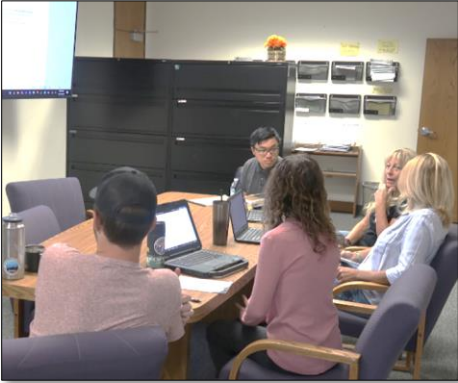




# Why would I want to work in Tuolumne County for Environmental Health?

## 1. Competitive compensation

Tuolumne county's salary schedule is highly **competitive** with neighboring foothill counties, not all of which provide for Social Security benefits as Tuolumne does. In addition, Tuolumne County is offering a substantial one-time bonus when you are hired.



**Tip!** When comparing salaries between different counties, check to make sure that the comparison takes payment into social security and cost of living into consideration. Here is an example:

An entry level Environmental Health Trainee in Marin County pays \$71,155 while the same position in Tuolumne County pays \$55,349, the cost of living in San Rafael is 46.5% higher than in Sonoma and the salary at Tuolumne would be equivalent to a salary of \$73,845 in Marin County.



## 2. Quality of life

You will discover a laid-back rural lifestyle in Tuolumne County. No traffic jams, plenty of space for everyone, and a spontaneous open and friendly atmosphere that cannot be found in a rushed and crowded urban environment.

You will be surrounded by physical beauty unmatched anywhere in the state. A recent USDA study ranked all 3,111 counties in the contiguous United States for scenic beauty and climate. **Tuolumne County ranked 34th nationwide!**

Whatever your age or your favorite recreational activity, you will need to look no farther than just out your back door in Tuolumne County.

The area enjoys a mild, four-season climate. During the winter, you can ski, snowboard, snowmobile or ice skate in the adjacent highlands and then, during the summer, shift your focus to boating and fishing on either the numerous lakes and reservoirs or smaller high-country lakes which can be reached by hiking into the Emigrant Wilderness. Or relax with friends and go wine tasting at one of our many world-class wineries and take in an art gallery or two. Boating, fishing, hunting, golf, water sports, hiking, photographing the surrounding beauty: the opportunities are almost endless!



### 3. Supportive Management and Staff

We in Environmental Health often describe ourselves as “**family**.” Although small in number (6) we perform all major Environmental Health Programs in a user-friendly manner that has earned us the respect and appreciation of our community. Staff specialize in certain programs but are also “generalists” who handle a variety of programs and provide cross-coverage between individuals as needed to assure program continuity.

*“I love my work. And I also love the natural beauty of Tuolumne County and all the wonderful recreational opportunities that are available outside of my front door.”*

- Nadine Martelli  
Senior Environmental Health Specialist

Environmental Health is an integral member of the Tuolumne County Community Development Department **team** that also includes the Planning, Building, Housing, Natural Resources, and Code Enforcement Divisions.

Staff within the Environmental Health Division have one or two areas of focus, such as in Consumer Protection, Solid Waste, Land Use, or Hazardous Materials and Wastes,

*“As a new EHS II, I enjoy gaining expertise in a variety of Environmental Health programs and appreciate the support of my EH family.”*

- Nang Yang  
Environmental Health Specialist II

but also support each other in their area of focus. This means that at Tuolumne County staff enjoy training in all Environmental Health Programs and therefore have a **maximum versatility** for lateral or upward mobility in the profession.



It is a pleasure for me to work with my staff in the Environmental Health Division. I am supporting their efforts to build strong, comprehensive programs by assuring that the Division has the staffing resources to perform their important work. -Quincy Yaley, CCD Director

With strong and supportive **leadership** by the Department’s Director, the EH Division has increased staff, streamlined workflows, prioritized program activities, and is in the process of becoming the leader in Central California for program development and implementation.



Please call the Environmental Health Director at (209) 533-5665 or send an email to [bbanner@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:bbanner@co.tuolumne.ca.us) if you have any questions about the positions available or about life in Tuolumne County.



**I completed two years at a community college with studies in environmental science (or geology or biology or another technical study area). Is there a position for me with the Environmental Health Division at Tuolumne County?**

**Yes, there is!**

Our Environmental Health Technician position is well suited for someone with at least 12 semester units of college coursework that includes environmental studies, chemistry, biology, geology, toxicology, or related field and two years' experience in work related to a technical field.



**I am ready to graduate from a four-year college with a degree in an Environmental Studies or related to one of the earth or life sciences. Is there a position for me with the Environmental Health Division at Tuolumne County?**

**Yes, there is!**



Depending on the course you took, you may qualify as an Environmental Health Specialist One position. This is determined by sending your college transcripts to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH will determine the amount of training hours you will need to be eligible to take the exam to become registered by the state as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

Before the exam, while you are being trained, you would work as an Environmental Health Specialist One. After passing the exam, you would be promoted to an Environmental Health Specialist Two position.

The classification description for the EHS 1 and 2 positions can be found here:



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## **I'm working in California in another county as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and want to advance in my profession. What options are available to me at Tuolumne County?**

### **Plenty of options are available!**

To attract the best and the brightest, we have created a career ladder that you would normally only find in the largest of California counties. For Senior Environmental Health Specialists in other counties that are not able to advance in their current counties, we have three positions to offer:

1. We offer Principal Environmental Health Scientist position that is the entry step into our management series of position classification. The person in this position receive both two weeks of paid annual leave and two weeks of paid management leave. You would be a lead for Environmental Health and, if it would meet your career goals, receiving training to move ahead in the management series. Find the classification here:



2. We offer an Environmental Health Manager position for experienced Environmental Health Specialists that have not yet had experience in administration or supervision. Find the classification here:



3. Environmental Health staff with at least two years of administrative or supervisory experience are eligible for the Environmental Health Director. Find the classification here:



## **I'm working as an Environmental Health Specialist outside of the State of California and am registered in my home state. Is there a position for me with the Environmental Health Division at Tuolumne County?**

Yes, there is!

Registration in California is overseen by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH now offers reciprocity, but the process may be a bit difficult to navigate.

If you are registered in your home state and want to relocate to California, please contact us and we know so that we can assist you through the process.

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