

# Methow Valley Citizens Council

## Resilient Methow Climate Leadership Practicum

Salary: \$13.69 per hour, 24 hours/week for 10 weeks (*paid by Office of Sustainability*)

Supervisor: Joshua Porter, Climate Program Director

Period of Employment: June 21, 2021 – August 27, 2021

### **Overview**

The mission of the Methow Valley Citizens Council (MVCC) is to raise a strong community voice for protection of the Methow Valley's natural environment and rural character. MVCC educates the public and decision makers on key environmental and land use issues. MVCC engages community participation and uses advocacy so our collective voice is heard. There are four program areas: Land, Air, Water and Climate. [mvcitizens.org](http://mvcitizens.org)

Over the past year and a half MVCC and over 50 other local organizations, agencies, and community leaders have been working to develop a Climate Action Plan for the Methow Valley. This is a community-driven plan and we have representatives from the agriculture, health and emergency services, infrastructure, natural systems, and economic sectors of our valley. This overall process is being called *Resilient Methow*. A draft of the plan is expected to be released in December 2020, and a path to implementation will be established over the Winter.

This Resilient Methow Climate Leadership Fellow will work to support the implementation of the Community Climate Action Plan. The exact project work will be determined closer to the start date. It is expected that work will include contributing to both adaptation and mitigation solutions, particularly in areas of energy and transportation. These project areas will also intersect with related community health and equity issues. The position will entail a combination of research, communications, and collaborative project work with other organizational partners. This is an opportunity to get direct experience with the implementation of climate action work.

### **Responsibilities**

- Research feasibility of mitigation actions related to transportation and energy projects
- Participate in coalition-building with partners connected to carbon sequestration
- Support intersections with other program work in clean air and forest health
- Support climate related policy and advocacy work via the MVCC action fund
- Create and manage content for the Resilient Methow website and other social media platforms
- Attend weekly program meetings and bi-weekly staff meetings

### **Required Qualifications and Experience**

- Motivated to develop communication skills and work as part of a dynamic team
- Invested in experiential learning and personal / professional growth

- Ability to demonstrate initiative, work independently, and ask for help / guidance as needed
- Familiarity with website and social media platforms
- Foundational knowledge / interest in sustainability, climate justice, and doing community-engaged work

### **Educational/Professional Benefits**

- Opportunity to work for a growing non-profit that has mobilized a local response to climate change impacts
- Opportunity to live in the Methow Valley and contribute to climate resiliency in a rural context
- Opportunity to engage in climate work that connects regional and State policies with local community prioritized actions
- Opportunity to further develop / apply research, writing, and communication skills
- Opportunity to work in a network of organizational partners and apply collaborative project management skills