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## Japanese Knotweed Community Education Coordinator

### Position Vacancy Announcement

The University of California Cooperative Extension Marin County Office seeks to fill an exciting Community Education position to work on an important ecosystem project and opportunity. Marin County is treasured for its open and connected landscapes including watersheds providing habitat for endangered Coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Homeowners, community organizations, and resource agencies have partnered and collaborated to maintain the connection of these landscapes and enhance the critical plant and wildlife habitats they provide. The confirmed presence and expansion of the invasive plant – Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)– will undo the integrity of instream conditions in the San Geronimo Valley and Lagunitas Creek Watersheds.

The Communication Education Coordinator has the critical role of engaging residential homeowners and renters in these watersheds to:

- Increase their knowledge and understanding of Japanese Knotweed and its impacts to the environment; and
- Facilitate their participation in surveys, management, and monitoring of Knotweed patches on their respective properties.

The Coordinator will help lead these efforts in collaboration with a strong local partnership of homeowner associations, community-based organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies. The goal of this collaboration is the complete removal of Japanese Knotweed from the watersheds by synchronizing knotweed management on public and private lands.

To fill this exciting and impactful position, we are looking for candidates with environmental science or natural resource management backgrounds that have a combination of training, skills, and experience in public communication, community engagement, and production of outreach materials. Applicants should have demonstrated ability to organize and deliver education programs, preferably for homeowners, that forge long-term, effective working relationships.

The position is currently funded for eight months full-time with benefits, with anticipation of additional funding to extend the position. Interested candidates can learn more about the position and submit their application, cover letter, and resume online at - <https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=61365>. Applications will be accepted through October 26, 2018. Inquiries about the position can be directed to Steven Swain ([svswain@ucanr.edu](mailto:svsvain@ucanr.edu)) or David Lewis ([djlewis@ucanr.edu](mailto:djlewis@ucanr.edu)), 415-473-4204.

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