Volunteer Land Steward Position Description

**TITLE:** Volunteer Land Steward

**PURPOSE OF POSITION:** To assist American River Conservancy (ARC) staff in the monitoring and management of one or more ARC properties.

**TERM OF APPOINTMENT:** This volunteer service agreement automatically terminates two (2) years from the date of signature, and may be renewed if agreed upon by both parties. This agreement can also be terminated at any time, for any reason, prior to the automatic termination date by either the American River Conservancy or the Land Steward volunteer. Termination notice must be made in writing.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Willing to “adopt” an American River Property and gain a thorough knowledge and appreciation of that property. Willing and able to take educational courses necessary to learn appropriate stewardship practices, including the required Land Steward Core Training. Willing and physically able to perform the duties of an ARC Volunteer Land Steward as described below.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- General property surveillance and monitoring, and assessment of land management needs.
- Submittal of quarterly reports detailing stewardship activities.
- Removal of trash and debris from the property or appropriate follow-up to guarantee removal.
- Trail maintenance (marking trails, clearing/brushing out trail corridor, maintaining drainages, etc.) or appropriate follow-up to maintain safe and appropriate conditions.
- Monitoring infrastructure (gates, signs, kiosks, bridges, parking areas) for needed replacement or repair.
- Acting as a liaison for the American River Conservancy with local officials, property abutters, schools, other conservation groups, ARC members, and the general public when appropriate or necessary.
- Assisting in management of recreational and educational uses of the property.
- Monitoring property boundaries for encroachments and/or maintenance needs.
- Assisting staff in field work which may include trail construction, clean-up, boundary maintenance, transect and/or specific monitoring studies, or other projects.
REQUIRED TIME COMMITMENT: Volunteer Land Stewards should visit their assigned Property for general property surveillance at least four (4) times per year. Additional visits are encouraged.

REQUIRED TRAINING: Volunteer Land Stewards must complete the CORE Land Steward Training.

BENEFITS: Core training as well as hands-on experience in the stewardship and management of conservation lands, as well as continuing opportunities for training in natural resource topics. Optional mileage reimbursement, as funding sources allow. Complimentary American River Conservancy membership. Volunteer Land Stewards have the opportunity to work with ARC staff and other volunteers with a commitment to land conservation. Most of all, a deepening relationship with and knowledge of the land that you will be stewarding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Dillon Brook at (530) 621-1224 ext 28 or dillon@arconservancy.org

You are hereby recognized as an American River Conservancy Land Steward volunteer. As a recognized volunteer you are protected by Section 5231 of the California Corporations Code and the Federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, which provide legal protection for volunteers of non-profit organizations by limiting the liability of an enrolled volunteer who is working within the scope of his or her official duties and responsibilities as outlined by this document and following the guidelines and policies of the above described project.