

**Position Announcement
Research Associate
Water Resource Economics and Finance**

Position Description:

WestWater Research is seeking qualified applicants for a Research Associate position in the field of water resource economics and finance. The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting financial and economic analysis for water resource project, conducting water asset valuation analysis and conducting regional water market research.

Position Duties:

1. Water Market Research

A primary responsibility of the position is to provide analysis and coverage on trading activity in 2 to 3 market regions within the western United States. The position will become a subject matter expert on water market activity in the region by developing and understanding of market dynamics, commonly traded assets, regulatory process for transacting, and developing and maintain professional relationship with market participants. The position will be responsible for identifying, researching, and collecting data on water right trades, obtaining and organizing documents and filings related to the transactions. The position is also responsible for updating and entering transaction data into *Waterlitix*[™] - WestWater's proprietary water market pricing database. The position will also develop periodic market reports that describe current trends and changes in trading activity and pricing. In addition, the position will develop and maintain communication with industry professionals within the region.

2. Valuation Projects

The position will provide research support and leading on water asset valuations, financial analysis, economic reports and other client deliverables completed through a collaborative process involving both associates and senior staff. The position will be responsible for data collection, analysis, and report writing. The position will also include economic and financial modeling using Excel and other programming applications. Strong analytical and economic model skills are desirable.

3. Project Management:

The position will be responsible for managing and developing client projects that will involve reviews and summaries of water market activities or completion of valuation and appraisals as experience and knowledge base is developed. As a project manager, the Associate will be responsible for scoping and scheduling the project as well as working within a team environment to manage the development of client work products.

About WestWater Research LLC

WestWater Research is an economic consulting firm that specializes in water resource valuation, water market analysis, water resource economics, and financial and investment services. With a national practice, WestWater assists clients that are buying and selling water rights and other water assets through comprehensive financial and economic analysis of water markets on a regional and local level. Since its inception in 2001, WestWater Research has received national recognition for advising on complex water market and trading issues across every Western State. Our team has over fifty years of focused experience in the water right sector.



Minimum Qualifications:

- Advance degree in one of the following fields:
 - Agricultural, Resource, or Applied Economics,
 - Finance or
 - Master of Business Administration
- Proficiency in MS Excel and spreadsheet analyses.
- Ability to effectively communicate, with strong written and oral communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior consulting experience.
- Demonstrated experience in water rights and/or water resource management in the western United States.
- Highly motivated with the ability to work independently or in a team environment and drive results; looking for a self-starter and able to work with changing priorities and time pressures.
- Detail oriented with excellent analytical, quantitative and investigative skills and ability to present complex data in a simplified and meaningful way.
- Ability to apply knowledge and creativity to resolve standard and complex issues.
- Interest in the water resources, agriculture, or natural resources sectors with an economic, financial, and business focus.

Location: Position could be located at Phoenix, AZ, Boise, ID or Fort Collins, CO.

Compensation:

The Associate position is a salaried position within WestWater and offers a comprehensive compensation package including health benefits, 401k retirement plan, and an opportunity for annual bonus and company profit sharing. Salaries will be competitively determined based on experience and skill set.

Growth and Advancement

The position provides an opportunity for growth and advancement within the company.

Application Instructions:

To be considered, please send the following:

- Cover letter with a statement of interest in a joining WestWater to work in the water resources and finance industry
- Resume which addresses the minimum and preferred qualifications
- Writing sample, that indicates an ability to communicate effectively

Send the application materials to: employment@waterexchange.com