

Earth Day 2012



Career Profile

Name: Charles A. Kubasik
Job Title: Conservation District Field Representative
Location: California District Office, Southwest Region
Years with DEP: 23

What kinds of activities do you perform on a daily basis?

I serve as a primary liaison between DEP, State Conservation Commission and County Conservation Districts in the ten county southwest region, and provide guidance and assistance to Conservation District staff and directors on a wide variety of environmental initiatives. Typical duties include providing consultative assistance to Conservation Districts on programming and operational matters, providing reports at Conservation District board meetings, setting up various meetings, coordinating environmental education activities, providing training to Conservation District staff and directors, working with county government on district staffing, budgeting and board appointments, mediating problems, evaluating Conservation District implementation of state delegated programs such as the Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Control Program, Dirt & Gravel Road Program, etc.

What kind of educational background do you have?

I have a bachelor's degree in environmental science from California University of PA.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Working with many different people from around the region and across the state and dealing with various personalities can sometimes present a challenge.

What got you interested in working in an environmental field?

I have always had a great appreciation for the outdoors due to my interest in fishing, hunting and boating. I have always been conservation minded, so I hoped I could make a positive impact through a career in the environmental field.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Working with so many fine people makes this job very rewarding. I have been given the opportunity to be involved in many different programs and get to travel around the state, and as a result, the job never gets boring and remains a challenge.

What advice do you have for someone thinking about a career in environmental science?

I think in order to be successful in this field, it is important to have an appreciation and respect for our environment, and have the desire to protect and enhance our natural resources. Working in the environmental field has its up's and down's just as any job would, though can be very rewarding if you feel you are making a positive impact.