

## **Volunteer Position Description: Bat Talk and Walk Program Assistant**

### **Goal of position:**

To provide guests with a positive, memorable evening learning about and seeing the bats of the Bypass.

### **Duties:**

*Program Assistant.* Set up the conference room and lobby. Greet and sign-in guests, engage with guests by answering questions and encouraging them to look around. Assistants are responsible for merchandise sales and donations. After the talk help with cleanup of the facility. At the fly-out viewing location, volunteers assist with crowd control, answer questions and mingle with guests while waiting for the bats to fly.

*Driver.* Drive your car as the trailing vehicle to ensure no guests get lost or left behind at the Headquarters or in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (YBWA). On the way into the YBWA, your car's flashing lights are the signal to the lead car that we have everyone and can proceed. If there is an emergency, drive back to the YBWA entrance to greet and lead emergency vehicles to the viewing location. On the way out of the YBWA, after the viewing, make sure no guests get lost on way out. The Driver is responsible for locking the main gate. Driver responsibilities are in addition to Program Assistant duties. Must have a current signed CDFW Driver form on file with YBF.

**Supervised by:** Bat Program Coordinator

**Time Commitment:** This is a four month commitment with an agreement to assist with three evenings throughout the summer. Programs are held on evenings from June to September and are about three hours long. The volunteer commitment is about 4.5 to 5 hours.

**Qualifications:** An enthusiasm for bats and a passion to share this with the general public. Prior knowledge is not required. Some lifting is required for set up and clean up.

**Training:** Bat Walk and Talk Program Assistants participate in a one-evening training. This training covers bat FAQs, room and lobby set-up guidelines, and viewing of nightly fly-out of bats.

**Volunteer Benefits:** This opportunity is a unique way to increase your knowledge of bats and share your excitement with the public while observing and enjoying the evening fly-out of the bats at the Bypass.