RARE PLACEMENT DESCRIPTIONS

City of Seaside

Community Profile

Population 6,457
Location Seaside

Position Description

Sponsor City of Seaside
Supervisor Kevin Cupples
Planning Director

Assignment Incorporated in 1899, the City of Seaside has historically been one of the Oregon Coast most visited and popular oceanfront communities. Seaside is an incorporated city that operates under a Council-Mayor government; a Mayor and six City Council members represent the community. The City of Seaside encompasses approximately 3.9 square miles of land and 0.2 square miles of surface water. A number of local facilities including but not limited to a convention center, parks, a public library, a water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant are maintained by the City of Seaside.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Seaside will primarily focus on the development and update of a number of strategic planning documents. Specifically, the participant will provide technical assistance, coordination and leadership, and act as a liaison between City staff and various stakeholders. Additionally, the participant may be asked to work with the Tsunami Advisory Group to carry out planned outreach efforts specific to tsunami and earthquake preparedness.

RARE Participant

Joe Otts received his Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution from the University of California, San Diego. After attaining his Bachelors Degree, Joe served in Peace Corps as an Integrated Environmental Resource Management Volunteer in Fiji. As a Peace Corps Volunteer he worked with the Fiji Water Foundation, the University of the South Pacific, the Provincial Government, and an array of community members on capacity building projects to enable a rural Fijian community to address their improper waste management techniques. After returning from Fiji, Joe signed up for service with AmeriCorps via the Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps where he worked as a Trail Construction/Maintenance Crew Member. Following his year with the RARE Program, Joe plans on attaining a Masters Degree.