

## **ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY REPORTER**

*The Nevada Independent* seeks a news reporter with a strong research and writing background to help cover environmental and energy issues across the state. Nevada is a fast-growing state grappling with numerous tensions around water scarcity, population growth and the protection of ecosystems. It is the driest state in the nation, one of the most biodiverse and roughly 85 percent is public land. It also has the nation's only fully operating lithium mine.

From Lake Mead at the center of Colorado River negotiations to lithium mining, large-scale solar projects and geothermal proposals at the center of the energy transition away from fossil fuels, Nevada's environmental and energy policies often have national and international implications.

The reporter in this position will have leeway to cover an array of topics, including water, energy, utilities, conservation, wildlife, agriculture, mining, extreme heat and environmental injustices. We are looking for a reporter interested in exploring these issues from a variety of perspectives and how they intersect with other issues, including public health, infrastructure and education.

You would be joining a collaborative team in a diverse state that offers outdoor recreation opportunities, ample entertainment and professional sports options and a thriving food scene. Our collaborative newsroom affords reporters the opportunity to help make decisions on a wide range of topics — so curiosity, flexibility and a zest for variety is ideal.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Pitch, report and write stories that contribute to *The Nevada Independent's* coverage with daily news stories, short-term features and longer-term project-based reporting.
- Develop sources and an understanding of environmental issues across Nevada to tell deep, contextual stories about the dynamics and decisions at play through explanatory, accountability-driven reporting, elevating voices that might not otherwise be heard.
- Communicate with and work alongside photojournalists to help bring environmental stories to life. Work with our audience engagement manager, multimedia editor and video producer to ensure maximum visibility for your in-depth environmental journalism.
- Write a bi-monthly newsletter.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Three-plus years' experience, preferably writing about environmental issues. Strong research and writing skills are a must. Bilingual (Spanish) is a plus. Must reside in or be willing to move to Nevada — with a slight preference for candidates who can be based out of Southern Nevada.

## **COMPENSATION**

Compensation is commensurate with experience. The expected salary range is between \$60,000 and \$70,000. *The Nevada Independent* provides full health care benefits, a generous PTO package and a 401(k) plan + match.

## **ABOUT *THE NEVADA INDEPENDENT***

Founded in 2017 by veteran journalist Jon Ralston, *The Nevada Independent* is Nevada's only statewide news team. Our mission is to provide in-depth news coverage and informed opinions that shed light on the matters that affect them most. We operate as a reader-supported nonprofit that is committed to transparency in how we are funded and how we report.

At *The Nevada Independent*, we are committed to a diverse, inclusive work environment that reflects the communities we cover and serve as journalists. Candidates of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply to this position. *The Nevada Independent* is an equal-opportunity employer, and it does not discriminate based on an individual's race, color, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, medical condition, age, citizenship, veteran or military status and all other categories protected under federal, state and local laws.

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