# **Eessa Vanderspek**

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### **Experience**

### **Ecological Studies, Watsonville -- Assistant Ecologist**

June 2021 - present

- Assist with rescue and relocation of California Red Legged Frog tadpoles under Reis's permit
- Tadpole identification (Tree Frogs, Western Toads, Bullfrogs, and California Red Legged Frogs) Supervisor: Dawn Reis, *Senior Wildlife and Aquatic Ecologist* dawn@ecologicalstudies.com

# **Ventana Wildlife Society, Monterey -- Outdoor Educator**

May 2018 - present

- Presentations on the California Condor
- Organize lesson plans
- Lead outdoor nature classes
- Class C Commercial Passenger License to drive 15 passenger van

Supervisor: Alena Porte, Education & Outreach Manager (831) 277-8586

# Return of the Natives, Seaside -- AmeriCorps VIP / Staff

January 2016 - May 2021

- Organize & lead public planting events
- Supervise over 500 volunteers
- Transplant & care for native plants in greenhouse
- Demonstrate planting & weed removal
- Interpretive talks on plants
- Yearly bird monitoring at Upper Carr Lake

Supervisor: Laura Lee Lienk, RON Director llienk@csumb.edu

### City Council Campaign, Marina -- Staff

September 2020 - November 2020

- Canvassing & Social Media Outreach for city council campaigns Supervisor: Bruce Delgado, *Mayor of Marina* (831) 277-7690

#### **Volunteer Work**

#### **Bureau of Land Management, Fort Ord National Monument**

December 2017 - April 2019

- Oak woodland, maritime chaparral, and riparian restoration
- Use GPS units for data collection of bunchgrass
- Demonstrate planting & weed removal
- Rodent catch & release
- Observing pitfall traps for salamanders

Supervisor: Christopher Hart, Biological Science Technician (760) 508-6931

#### Citizens 4 Just Water, Marina

2020

April 2020 - September

- Organize social media posts & website
- Speak at California Coastal Commission meetings, city council meetings, & tabling events Supervisor: Liesbeth Visscher (408) 569-2491

#### **Education**

# California State University Monterey Bay

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies - Graduated December 2018