

WATER SERVICES WORKER IDEFINITION

Under immediate supervision, performs heavy routine manual labor involved in water and sewer system and/or public works projects.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

Performs pick and shovel work on a variety of surfaces that may include but not be limited to asphalt, concrete, unpaved streets, walks and parkways; assists in laying pipe; assists in installing water services, sewer main/laterals and cleaning sewer laterals. loads and unloads supplies and materials that may include but not be limited to stone, gravel, dirt, asphalt, timber, pipe, debris, construction materials, tools and equipment; digs and backfills ditches and trenches; lifts, moves and carries heavy objects weighing up to 95 pounds; may operate small power equipment; may drive small trucks;. Employees possessing a valid California Class "B" or higher driver's license may operate equipment requiring said license, including cranes, dump trucks, sewer trucks and other heavy equipment. Responds to after-hours emergency calls. Performs other functions as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The duties assigned to this entry-level class frequently involve the performance of heavy manual labor. This is routine work, closely supervised, with employees receiving specific instructions at the beginning of each job. This classification is distinguished from the next higher classification of Water Services Worker II by the latter classifications' knowledge of and ability to use specific tools, equipment and materials to perform semi-skilled tasks at a journey-level capacity. Upon successful completion of the probationary work test period, required coursework and training, and meeting the career development proficiency requirements, incumbents may be promoted to Water Services Worker II.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent plus one year of laborer or related experience involving construction, maintenance and repair of streets, sidewalks, water or sewer lines, and trees; or any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities listed below.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: common tools and equipment used in public works construction, maintenance and repair work; basic knowledge of safety precautions and practices in the operation of these common tools and equipment.

Ability to: understand and follow specific oral and written instructions; perform strenuous manual tasks, often for extended periods and under occasionally adverse climatic conditions; operate standard transmission vehicles. Must be willing and able to perform work of a strenuous physical nature, including lifting up and carrying objects weighing up to 95 pounds.

Skill in: the safe use of common tools and equipment used in a variety of public works construction, maintenance and repair work.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must possess and retain a valid California Class “C” Driver's License as a condition of employment. In addition, in order to pass probation employees must obtain and retain: a valid California Class “B” or higher driver's license throughout tenure in this classification; and a valid State of California Department of Health Services Water Distribution Certificate (WDC) Grade 1 or higher as a condition of continued employment in this classification.

SPECIAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Must be willing and able to work irregular hours, including evenings, weekends and holidays as needed; must be willing and able to respond to after-hours emergency calls. Must be willing and able to work outside in varying weather conditions.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Successful performers are reliable and punctual, and take pride in the appearance and quality of their finished work. These safety-conscious individuals enjoy working outdoors as members of a crew performing physically demanding work. Incumbents enjoy a wide variety of work, as assignments will rotate and hours will vary. In addition, they enjoy public contact, including responding to field inquiries from citizens regarding maintenance projects.

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