



Title: **SENIOR OPERATOR**

Salary Code: 19
Effective Date: 02/16/09
FLSA Designation: Nonexempt

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the general direction of the Supervisor of Operations, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the work of Operators performing tasks related to the distribution of water, monitoring of agricultural water flows, and maintenance and upkeep of agricultural water meters. The ability to communicate effectively is required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED (Illustrative Only)

Plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the work of Operators engaged in the operation of the water distribution system, including exercising valves and weed control around aboveground distribution system facilities.

Supervises the operation and maintenance of all types of water meters, draining, and refilling of pipelines.

Sets and/or assists in setting priority levels for the repair of pipelines, valves, and pumps.

Performs or directs routine and preliminary emergency work on pipelines and manual or computer-controlled pumping plant and reservoir systems.

During major breakdowns, assumes control for isolating damaged pipelines or pumping plants.

Checks water applications with respect to land eligibility or tailwater control.

Responds to and investigates Underground Service Alert calls concerning the distribution and drainage system.

Maintains current records of progress and activities of the section and prepares periodic reports.

Assists in the preparation of the department's annual budget.

Assists in the maintenance of the yard, buildings, and related facilities at respective field offices.

Assists in setting priority of maintenance work orders.

Performs other duties as assigned.

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CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Education and Experience: Any combination of equivalent education and experience that has led to the acquisition of the knowledge required by the position. A typical way of acquiring the knowledge would be:

Completion of the twelfth grade and five (5) years of experience as an Operator with the District for which demonstrated lead or supervisory responsibilities have been assigned; or equivalent.

Note: One (1) year experience as an Operations and Maintenance Trainee with Westlands Water District in the Operations Department will substitute for two (2) years of the required experience.

Knowledge of:

The applicable safety and accident prevention procedures of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act.
The applicable California General Industrial Safety Orders.
Maps and land descriptions.
Principles and techniques of supervision.
The use of a PC and PDA.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Heavy lifting up to 100 lbs.

Use hazardous materials.

Work in all kinds of weather.

Possess physical characteristics to perform the critical and important duties of the job, including the ability to climb stationary ladders up to 100 feet in height.

Respond to emergency calls on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid Class C California Driver's License with a driving record acceptable to the District's automobile insurance provider is required.