

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Specifications for the Class of

WATER TENDER TRAINEE Range 10

DEFINITION

Under the supervision of the Operations Supervisor and Assistant Operations Supervisor, performs varied work relating to field operation of the Distribution System.

TYPICAL TASKS

Makes daily changes of farm delivery turnouts; operates pumping plants; reads and records pertinent data from flow meters, and pumping plants; checks meters for proper operation; initiates trouble reports on defective equipment; performs minor maintenance work, assists in filling pipeline and canal systems; identifies and reports system malfunctions; conducts crop surveys, is responsible for upkeep of work vehicle and tools assigned; participates in general maintenance work during periods of low water demands or during emergencies as required.

Listed below are the essential physical functions required of the District's Water Tenders during an eight-hour shift. These functions are conducted in an outdoor environment:

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge and accuracy in arithmetic.
- Ability to effectively deal with Water Users and cooperate with fellow employees.
- Ability to understand working instructions and follow directions.
- Ability to understand operation of distribution system emergency procedures and policies as they effect water distribution.
- Willingness to work swing and night shifts as scheduled and irregular hours in periods of emergency or heavy work-loads.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (PHYSICAL):

- Vision or corrected vision within normal ranges to be able read documents, reports and maps.
- Physical ability to:
 - a. Work effectively on day, swing, or graveyard shifts (and occasionally longer as overtime work demands dictate) daily.
 - b. Operate motor vehicles requiring a Class C California Driver's License.
 - c. Standing and walking on an extended basis.
 - d. Work at facilities with uneven ground.
 - e. Lifting and/or carrying equipment and tools up to 60 pounds.
 - f. Stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, and climb during field maintenance and repair work.
 - g. Perform prolonged duties in temperatures of 20° – 110° F.
- Hearing or corrected hearing within normal range to be able to communicate with others by use of telephone or in person.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (DUTIES):

- Perform varied work relating to water ordering including opening and closing valves.
- Performs a variety of maintenance and repair on water distribution systems and lines.
- Communicate operational information to Water Users and District staff.

- Responds to customer complaints regarding low pressure, high pressure, and water quality.
- Shuts services off, seals services, and/or removes meters, as directed.
- Shuts down main-lines in emergencies.
- Perform additional related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Equivalent to completion of twelfth grade

Experience: One year of experience in jobs requiring mechanical aptitude or involved in farm irrigation. Education beyond twelfth grade in related fields or experience may be substituted for each other on a year for year basis.