

UTILITY WORKER III

JOB SUMMARY

Under general direction, plans, directs and oversees the work of a utility crew in the performance of construction, repair work, operations and maintenance of the water distribution systems; performs related work as required.

The Utility Worker III is at the full journey-level position in the Utility Worker series. The incumbent acts as the resource person in the performance of assigned, prescheduled and emergency operations, maintenance and repair work; incumbent also performs the most advanced operations, maintenance and repair work.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

(Duties include but are not limited to the following):

- Assists Chief Utility Worker with preparing work schedules, and designates work procedures and practices.
- Participates fully in the work of water distribution maintenance crews.
- Trains workers in the performance of construction, maintenance and repair work.
- Oversees and/or assists in maintaining air vents, blowoffs, fire hydrants, valves and meters.
- Listens to, checks and resolves customer concerns and/or complaints.
- Operates and supervises the operation of cement mixers, heavy and light trucks, heavy equipment, pneumatic equipment and compressors, light trenching equipment, backhoes and/or skip loaders and tractors.
- Oversees and/or assists in the repair and maintenance of pipelines; including, but not limited to, excavating trenches; grading; pipe laying; clearing the work area of debris and rocks; setting up shoring in trenches; and isolating and repairing or replacing inoperative sections of pipe.
- Installs and repairs fire hydrant connections.
- Oversees and/or performs minor patching and pavement restoration work; operates and/or supervises the use of a jackhammer in breaking up asphalt and concrete.
- Cleans reservoirs and surrounding grounds by using a variety of hand tools.
- Places signs and safety devices and oversees the placement of required traffic control devices.
- Installs water pipes from engineering cut sheets.
- Backfills and compacts to finish grade.
- Notifies Chief Utility Worker of employee performance problems.
- Reports problems encountered in the assigned work and progress in completing work assignments to the supervisor.

- May assume responsibility in the absence of the Chief Utility Worker.
- Enforces all safety regulations and develops safe working practices within the crew.
- Maintains records of work performed.
- Responds to emergency situations including those occurring after normal working hours.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge of:

- Proper methods, materials, tools and equipment used in the construction and maintenance of water distribution.
- Operation of motorized construction equipment, such as a front-end loader, backhoe, roller and bulldozer at a skilled level.
- Basic math.
- Basic principles of leadership and training.
- The methods of trench excavation and shoring techniques.
- The appropriate safety precautions in trench excavation.
- Types and levels of maintenance and repair activities generally utilized in a maintenance program for water supply, distribution and transmission systems.
- Appropriate safety precautions and procedures.

Ability to:

- Identify types of soil needing shoring.
- Perform and train others in the performance of a variety of skilled and semi-skilled tasks in the construction and maintenance of water distribution systems as assigned.
- Read, write and perform mathematical calculations at the level required for successful job performance.
- Read and follow blueprints and engineering sketches.
- Operate pneumatic and power equipment.
- Maintain records.
- Understand pertinent procedures and functions quickly and apply them without immediate supervision.
- Operate a vehicle observing legal and defensive driving practices.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Be available for overtime, standby and after hour emergencies.

Experience and Education:

Any combination of training, experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities stated above, and the ability to perform the duties of the position would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience: Three years of progressively responsible experience in the operation of water distribution systems, and skilled operation of powered construction tools and equipment. Customer service experience is required.

Education: Formal or informal education or training at a level which ensures the ability to read, write, and perform mathematical computations and write reports at a level necessary for successful job performance.

Licenses and Certificates:

1) Possession of a valid California driver's license, Class A, with ability to maintain insurability under the District's insurance carrier. 2) Possession of a State Department of Health Services Water Distribution Operator certificate, Grade II, at time of appointment is required. Certification at the required level must be maintained.

Physical Demands:

See to read fine print; have depth perception; reach horizontally and vertically with arms; operate hand and power tools requiring strength and coordination; sit or stand for prolonged periods; use lower body mobility to stand, walk, stoop, bend, crawl and extend legs; regularly lift over 50 pounds and frequently, over 100 pounds, with assistance; be exposed to harsh substances; be exposed to foul odors within acceptable ranges/levels; work in confined spaces; wear protective apparel including, but not limited to, goggles, face protectors, aprons, shoes and a respirator, as required by OSHA standards.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

May be required to work evenings, weekends and holidays and assume stand-by duty.

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