

Utility Worker

Reports To: Utility Department Supervisor

Supervisory Responsibilities: None

### **Description**

Under general supervision, performs a variety of semi-skilled to skilled heavy manual work, alone or as a member of a crew, in the construction, maintenance, and repair of water distribution and treatment systems or related utility functions.

This position requires to work stand-by on rotational basis and report to work on a callback basis as needed within a designated time frame. Standby assignment is at the discretion of the Utility Department Supervisor.

### **Minimum Qualification Requirements**

Unless required by law, experience and education may be substituted for each other upon approval by the Administrative Manager or their designee.

#### *Education:*

High School diploma or equivalent.

#### *Experience:*

Utility Worker – Must have the ability to obtain State Water Resource Control Board issued Grade I certificates for Water Distribution Operator and Water Treatment Operator within one year of hire date. At least one year of experience performing operations or maintenance of a water treatment plant, water distribution system, or pipeline construction and maintenance. Basic familiarity with the following: electrical, plumbing, welding, heavy equipment operation, and landscaping. Ability to understand and follow written and verbal instructions; maintain routine logs, time sheets, and other records. Make arithmetical calculations as needed; perform continuous heavy physical work safely, including operating various equipment and power tools. Comprehensive knowledge of, and experience in, the use of hand tools. Starting salary of \$25 per hour, depends on experience. Utility Worker opportunity for advancement into the role of Water Utility Worker at the discretion of the Administrative Manager.

#### *Detailed Duties and Responsibilities:*

This at will position's responsibilities include but are not limited to performing a variety of construction, installation and preventative maintenance work on water pipelines and rights of way, buildings and grounds, valves, pumps, meters, tanks, hydrants, and filters. Requires a working knowledge and understanding of Company safety rules and regulations, as well as active participation in Company safety training programs as necessary. Requires operation of heavy equipment. Performs traffic control and sets up guideline cones. Installs, removes, relocates, and repairs water services and connections such as hot taps, curb stops, meters, and meter boxes. Replaces, repairs, and installs new gate valves and valve boxes and covers. Cleans and flushes testing sites and services sand filters. Responsible for the collection of water samples and transportation of the specimens to the designated laboratory. Inspects, maintains, repairs fire hydrants; exercises valves throughout the water system. Performs weed abatement and general cleanup around Company facilities. The ability to interact successfully in a team environment and the ability to work independently with a clear understanding of goals and objectives are essential. Possession of a valid Class C driver's license is required. Excellent verbal and written communication skills and stable, reliable attendance are required.

*Physical Requirements:*

Ability to tolerate frequent standing, walking, sitting, reaching, stretching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, stooping, crouching, squatting, climbing, balancing, crawling, throwing, and jumping in the performance of daily activities; ability to effectively utilize a tablet; good hearing, and speech capabilities both in person and by telephone; eyesight within normal range with or without correction.

These positions require the ability to be “on-call”, work evenings, weekends, and Holidays.

*Environment:*

Works primarily outdoors in seasonal climate and weather conditions on surfaces that may be wet, slippery, and uneven, where dust, dirt and odors are frequently encountered, noisy conditions. Required to work in muddy conditions for long periods of time during regular work hours and after hour emergencies. Wear protective clothing as required.

*Internal:*

Interaction with Supervisor to receive specific work assignments and review results; Company water operations and maintenance personnel to coordinate assignments and discuss and resolve technical issues; all other Company personnel as required.

*External:*

Interaction with the general public to answer basic questions during the course of carrying out the work assignments; consultants and vendors as necessary to coordinate projects and purchase supplies; emergency services personnel as required.