

SENIOR UTILITY WORKER
(WASTEWATER DIVISION)

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

Under direction, to assign, direct, inspect and participate in the work to perform a variety of the more difficult semi-skilled and skilled tasks in the maintenance of sewer lines and lift stations, operating vehicles such as a vactor or rodder truck; and to perform related work as required.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is the lead worker level in the Utility Worker series.. Employees within this class are distinguished from other classes within the series by the level of responsibility assumed and the complexity of duties assigned. Employees perform the most difficult and responsible types of duties assigned to classes within this series including performing semi-skilled plumbing and heavy equipment operation including providing lead direction and training to lower staff. Employees are required to possess a Grade IV Collection System Maintenance Certificate. Positions in this series are flexible staffed and may be filled by advancement from the III level. Advancement is not based on time in grade, but solely at the discretion of the Water Utilities Director, the organizational needs of the department, appropriate certification requirements and satisfactory job performance.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - *Examples of duties performed by employees in this class may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.*

Maintain, clean and repair of sewer lines, pumps, laterals, wet wells and related structures; clean and rod sewer lines; operate television, sealing and grouting, hydro-cleaning and vacuuming equipment; locate sewer lines and facilities in the field for contractors and other utility companies; cement repair work; clean and maintain basic tools and equipment in the work area; use safety and testing device equipment properly; keep pump station grounds and out-fall lines free of weeds and debris; operate equipment and vehicles as assigned, such as vacuum truck, dump truck, rodder truck; post detailed work data on comprehensive forms daily and calculate length of lines and maintain lines.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Departmental procedures and operations.
- Basic supervisory principles and practices.
- Traffic control safety and confined space safety procedures.

- Pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, codes and regulations; rules, policies, and regulations regarding the operation and maintenance of water collection systems.
- Construction and repair methods, practices and principles, equipment and tools used in the installation, construction, repair and maintenance of City water and sewer systems.
- Basic principles of public relations.

Ability to:

- Operate a variety of tools and heavy equipment, plant equipment and appropriate vehicles.
- Perform the more difficult semi-skilled duties associated with a particular skilled craft or crafts.
- Identify and implement efficient work practices and procedures.
- Operate office equipment including computers.
- Maintain mental capacity, which allows the capability of making sound decisions and demonstrating intellectual capabilities.
- Work independently and exercise individual judgment.
- Maintain and update accurate records.
- Prepare clear and concise maintenance reports.
- Perform basic arithmetic calculations accurately.
- Work variable shifts, during weekends, holidays and emergencies.
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Experience and Training Guidelines

Experience: Three years of increasingly responsible experience relative to the installation, construction, repair and maintenance of City water or sewer systems, including at least one year with the City of Oceanside as a Utility Worker III.

Training: Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade supplemented by training in water or wastewater treatment operations, or a related field.

License or Certificate Requirements: Possession of Grade IV certification issued by the State of California Water Pollution Control Association. Possession of an appropriate, valid Class B (tanker endorsed) California driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions: Water and/or wastewater treatment plant environment; exposure to noise, dust, grease, smoke, fumes, gases, electrical energy, radiant energy, toxic materials, confined spaces, and inclement weather conditions; work in or with water and wastewater.

Physical Conditions: Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for heavy, moderate or light lifting; standing or walking for prolonged periods of time; repeated bending; operating motorized equipment; shift work.