

JOB TITLE: SPECIAL PROJECTS UTILITY WORKER**DEFINITION**

To perform general maintenance, repair, and construction work assignments in support of public works projects; and to operate light and moderately heavy maintenance and construction equipment. Positions in this classification are usually assigned a special work crew and will supervise other workers on City streets, storm drains, sewer systems, water mains, and/or park maintenance equipment.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This job class exercises responsibility for performing a wide variety of maintenance, repair, and construction tasks at the semiskilled and skilled level. This job class functions at a full journey level of classification. Employees in this class are restricted from the use of jackhammers or other vibrating tools and are limited to a 50 lb. or below lifting requirement. This job class will train, direct, and monitor the work of Opportunity to Work employees, in a lead capacity, in the accomplishment of specific projects as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Employees in this classification receive minimal supervision from the Field Services Manager within a framework of standard policies and procedures.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Assigns, directs, trains, participates and supervises the work of special work crews in the safe and proper completion of a wide variety of maintenance, repair, and construction projects as listed below:

- Installs, repairs, and maintains streets, sewers and storm drains
- Stripes pavement; makes, installs and repairs street signs
- Checks and stocks service truck for daily duties
- Installs catch basins, patches streets, reconstructs alleys, and resurfaces pavement
- Maintains and installs water mains, water services, water pumping equipment, water purification equipment, and fire hydrants
- Operates a variety of light, medium and heavy equipment including backhoe, dump truck, and work crew bus.
- Makes taps, installs valves, repairs and installs copper water services
- Operates a variety of hand and power tools
- Cleans and maintains grounds as assigned; performs tree cutting; performs rodent control; applies pesticides
- Informs others concerning status of work completed
- Cleans streets; keeps streets clear of trash as assigned
- Maintains and repairs park maintenance equipment
- Sets-up safety control zones for re-routed traffic; acts as flagman for traffic control
- Maintains records and prepares reports related to assignment as assigned
- Performs related duties similar to the above in scope and function as required

OTHER DUTIES

- May operate a street sweeper
- May learn to operate landfill and welding equipment

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EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge of:

- uses and purposes of hand tools
- safe work practices
- methods, tools, equipment, and procedures used in public works maintenance and construction work with special emphasis on streets, sewers, storm drains, water mains and landfill operations
- characteristics, operation, and maintenance of a variety of light and heavy maintenance and construction equipment

Ability to:

- transport and direct special work crews with minimum supervision
- direct, train, and monitor the work of others in a project lead capacity; teach the uses of hand and power equipment
- direct a variety of semi-skilled and skilled maintenance, repair, and construction assignments
- work safely
- drive an automobile and heavy equipment
- climb in, out, and up to assigned vehicles and equipment
- walk on uneven ground; bend, squat and twist; reach above and below shoulder level
- infrequently lift up to 50 lbs.
- hear and distinguish various sounds, such as voices of co-workers in noisy environments, operating equipment, traffic
- work under such conditions as confined spaces, high noise levels, strong and unpleasant odors, exposure to dust, toxic substances and/or chemical irritants (with legal exposure limits)
- safely and effectively operate light and moderately heavy maintenance and construction equipment
- maintain a variety of records and prepare reports related to assignment
- perform complex equipment operation assignments in a variety of maintenance and construction situations
- understand and follow oral and written directions in an independent manner
- perform one week "On Call" duty on a rotating basis
- establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties

Training and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience which would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain this knowledge and abilities would be:

- Two years of work experience comparable to that of a Utility Worker II with the City of Watsonville.

LICENSE

- a Class B California Driver's license with passenger endorsement, including a safe driving record.