

Certifications

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WASTEWATER/WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR II

The Forestville Water District is a Special District of the State of California providing water and wastewater services to the greater Forestville area. Forestville is situated in the beautiful west Sonoma County 12 miles Northwest of Santa Rosa bordered to the North by the idyllic Russian River valley. The District owns and maintains a water distribution system which includes three reservoirs that serves water through three pressure zones to over 900 (nine hundred) metered customers. The District also owns and maintains a sewer collection system and an advanced tertiary level treatment plant that provides recycled water to schools, parks, and agricultural customers. The District is seeking to fill one (1) position. This Operator II position is unique as it performs work within both wastewater and drinking water operations.

The District offers a competitive salary and benefits package that includes:

- CalPERS retirement
- Participation in social security
- 100% premiums for employee plus one (1) dependent for medical
- 100% premiums for dental and vision coverage for entire family
- Supplemental Income 457 Plan – No Matching

Under supervision of the Chief Plant Operator, the Wastewater/Water Distribution Operator II operates and maintains wastewater treatment, water distribution and wastewater collection system equipment, machinery, buildings, and grounds and performs related duties as required.

The Wastewater/Water Operator II is a full working, journey level class. On a day-to-day basis, incumbents perform the full range of tasks associated with operations and maintenance of water distribution, sewer collection and wastewater treatment plant equipment. Assignments may include emergency actions that require the Wastewater/Water Operator II to use independent judgment, initiative and perform essential activities within established operational parameters. Duties (Listed items are illustrative only):

- Operate pumps, valves, chlorination equipment, sampling equipment and other wastewater flow regulating and treatment controls equipment
- Purchasing of equipment and goods as necessary
- Maintain reservoir levels and coordinates water storage, inspect treatment plant, pump stations and related equipment and facilities for proper operation
- Adjust and maintain process control variables, read, and interpret gauges, meters, and recorders

- Manually and remotely operate and adjust water and wastewater processes including mechanical, physical, and chemical controls/processes
- Collects samples and performs routine analysis of water and wastewater using accepted techniques, calibrates and maintains laboratory equipment, makes process adjustments based on analyses to maintain regulatory compliance
- Produce and maintain detailed records both manually and computerized
- Respond to customer questions and complaints, build, and maintain positive relationships with the public and other agencies
- Must be available to work on weekends, holidays, and nights. Available to be on stand-by when assigned for after-hours call back. Work assigned overtime as needed
- Build and maintain positive relationship with co-workers, assists and trains other staff
- Other related duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications

Education:

- Possession of a High School Diploma or GED

Experience:

- Two (2) years of relevant experience working in an advanced wastewater treatment plant, plus experience in water distribution is desired

Residency requirements:

- Shall establish and maintain residency within 60 minutes of notification to respond zone.

Certification:

- Must possess and maintain a valid Grade II Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certificate prior to employment and a Grade I Water Distribution Operator Certificate issued by the State of California within six months.
- Must possess and maintain a valid California class 'C' driver's license.

Physical demands:

Position requires working assigned shifts which may include nights, weekends, and holidays. Duties require walking on non-level, uneven and slippery surfaces, kneeling, climbing, crawling, grasping, holding, and twisting various objects in the performance of daily activities. The need to lift items that weigh up to one hundred (100) pounds and the ability to lift and carry items up to fifty (50) pounds. Incumbents are exposed to a variety of conditions including wet, heat, cold, heavy dust, pollen, and biohazards. Additionally, the working environment and equipment used exposes incumbents to loud noises, vibrations, mechanical hazards, pesticides, raw and treated sewage, fumes, odors, solvents,

fuels, chlorine, and other chemical risks. The nature of the work requires incumbents to climb ladders and scaffolds, drive motorized equipment and handle noise producing tools and equipment.

Knowledge of:

Wastewater treatment, drinking and recycled water distribution, wastewater collection and conveyance processes, systems, and facilities; use of computerized electronic equipment, monitoring and sampling devices, practices, and techniques; basic chemistry and general laboratory processes; general safety in an industrial environment.

Skill in:

Operations and maintenance including reading and recording data from gauges and meters; operating wastewater treatment plant equipment without immediate or detailed supervision; performance of routine maintenance on an wastewater treatment plant; recognizing and reacting correctly to unusual, inefficient or dangerous operating conditions; reading and interpreting plant and distribution drawings, diagrams and schematics; keeping required records and making appropriate written and oral reports or work performed.

Some of these requirements may be accommodated for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such accommodation.