

CONSOLIDATED MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

SEASONAL OPERATOR I

Position Definition and Characteristics:

Under supervision, the Seasonal Operator performs routine assignments in the prevention and control of mosquitoes in an assigned zone, including inspection for mosquito breeding and application of pesticides. The Seasonal Operator may perform specialized functions of the District and does related work, as required. Work is performed in accordance with established methods and techniques. The Seasonal Operator represents the District and its control programs before the public. This classification is a temporary, at-will position with total hours of work less than 1,000 hours within the District's fiscal year and with no expectation of continued employment. The employee is paid at an hourly wage rate with no additional benefits.

Example of Duties:

- Under direction, is responsible for scheduling inspections and operations within an assigned zone.
- Conducts surveillance of known mosquito breeding sources for presence of mosquitoes and inspects zone for new or previously unknown breeding sources.
- Under supervision, applies pesticides to mosquito sources after selection of appropriate material, dosage rate and equipment to obtain proper coverage and results and in accordance with pesticide label information and Pesticide Worker Safety Regulations.
- Re-inspects treated sources to evaluate treatment effectiveness.
- Evaluates and alters mosquito breeding sources where appropriate and stocks mosquitofish and other biological control agents where appropriate.
- Informs & assists the Supervisor in maintaining accurate and up to date source information including changes to property ownership, source location and other relevant information.
- Accurately reports and records information on all inspections and control activities in the District's electronic field data collection system.
- Performs premise inspections, interacts directly with the public and makes recommendations to property owners about mosquito sources.
- Determines stages of mosquito development, makes field identifications and collects samples as needed.
- Reports situations in need of attention and action to supervisors.
- Drives automotive equipment, operates power and hand spray equipment and other power equipment, maintains the equipment in good working order, and performs simple maintenance and repair.
- Assists in housekeeping, maintenance and repairs of buildings and grounds.

- Attends in-house training, reads District manuals and training material and keeps aware of policies and procedures.
- Performs physical labor in the routine activity of the job.
- Performs, occasionally, other tasks or functions not stated in this description, but within the scope of experience and capability.
- Performs related work as requested and required.

MINIMUM EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Education and Requirements:

Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. Appropriate work experience that has developed a level of general knowledge and literacy equivalent to high school graduation may be substituted.

Applicant must have a valid California Driver's License with a good driving record and be insurable under the guidelines of the District's insurance carrier. An initial Department of Motor Vehicles printout is required.

Applicant must successfully complete a pre-placement physical examination, respirator training and drug screen.

Abilities:

- Speak clearly and effectively in English;
- Write legibly and effectively in English and keep accurate, detailed records;
- Read, understand, and apply policies, rules, regulations, and guidelines;
- Compile numerical information;
- Work with a high degree of independence;
- Appear for work on time;
- Accept assignments from persons working at a higher level;
- Accept constructive criticism;
- Understand and effectively carry out oral and written instructions;
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work;
- Work congenially and cooperatively with others;
- Communicate with the public in a tactful, courteous, and professional manner; and
- Operate motor vehicles and specialized types of spray equipment associated with mosquito control in a safe and legal manner.

The individual must possess the ability to collaborate effectively; the willingness to contribute personal skills, talents and interests to further the organization; and the ability to pursue valid information to better serve the District goals and objectives.

Essential Functions:

Individual must be able to perform routine work while using required safety equipment, including the use of a respirator.

Individual must be sighted, with the ability to demonstrate close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision and depth perception and have a minimum of single-ear aided hearing. Individual must have complete and normal mobility of arms to reach and to carry objects, and dexterity of hands to grasp and manipulate small objects. Individual must be able to stand, stoop, reach and bend and to walk on uneven terrain, such as field, dirt banks, natural and cement stream beds, and shallow ponds. Individual must be without physical limitations that would prevent climbing ladders and performing customary and usual activities associated with field operational mosquito surveillance and control activities. Individual must frequently lift and move up to 25 pounds, regularly lift and move up to 50 pounds, and occasionally lift and move up to 100 pounds. Heavier lifting of objects in excess of 100 pounds is an infrequent aspect of this position.

Working Conditions:

While performing the duties of this position, the individual is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, moving mechanical parts, high precarious places, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, and outside weather conditions. The individual may occasionally be exposed to toxic, noxious or irritating plants and venomous or potentially dangerous animals. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate but may occasionally be loud. The individual may be called on for evening and weekend work, as assigned.