

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR - PARKS

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FLSA: Non-exempt

Unit: AFSCME



Definition
Under general direction, plans, organizes, assigns, supervises, and reviews the work of public works maintenance within the Public Works Parks Division; supervises, plans, coordinates, and reviews the operation, construction, installation, maintenance and repair of City infrastructure, including City parks, landscape districts, ponds, and school sites; provides responsible technical assistance to the Public Works Superintendent; performs a variety of technical tasks relative to the assigned functional area; and performs related work as required.
Supervision received and exercised
Receives general direction from the Public Works Superintendent or assigned manager. Exercises direct and general supervision over technical and maintenance staff.
Class characteristics
This is the full supervisory-level class in the Maintenance Worker class series. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, supervising, reviewing, and evaluating the work of maintenance staff either directly or through lead workers. Performance of the work requires the use of considerable independence, initiative, and discretion within established guidelines. This class is distinguished from the Public Works Superintendent in that the latter has management responsibility for all public works maintenance services and operations of the City.
Examples of typical job functions (illustrative only)
Management reserves the right to add, modify, change, or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so that qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans, organizes, assigns, supervises, and reviews the work of assigned staff in the installation, maintenance, and repair of City Infrastructure, including City parks, landscape districts, and school sites; administers specialized projects and programs in area of assignment.• Participates in the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for assigned services and programs; identifies resource needs; recommends and implements policies and procedures, including standard operating procedures for assigned maintenance operations.• Evaluates employee performance, counsel employees, and effectively recommends initial disciplinary action; assists in selection and promotion.• Supervises and monitors the work of service contractors to ensure compliance with contract requirements.• Trains staff in work and safety procedures and in the operation and use of equipment and supplies; implements procedures and standards.• Answers questions and provides information to the public; investigates inquiries, concerns, and complaints; recommends corrective actions to resolve issues.• Monitors operations and activities of the parks maintenance work unit; identifies opportunities for improving service delivery methods and procedures; provides recommendations concerning process changes; reviews with appropriate management staff; implements improvements.• Determines and recommends equipment, materials, and staffing needs for assigned operations, projects, and programs; participates in the annual budget preparation; prepares detailed cost estimates; maintains a variety of records and prepares routine reports of work performance.• Receives, reviews, and evaluates incoming invoices for services and goods; approves payment and assigns budget information for payment.• Plans and lays out maintenance work projects; monitors and controls supplies and equipment; orders supplies and tools as necessary; prepares documents for equipment procurement; participates in the bid process for maintenance and repair projects.• Supervises the use of and operation of tools, equipment, and vehicles; ensures that tools, equipment, and vehicles are safely operated, maintained, and secured when not in use; schedules the service, repair, and replacement of tools and equipment.• Inspects work in progress and completed work of assigned employees and contractors for accuracy, proper work methods and techniques, and compliance with applicable standards and specifications.• Inspects the assigned City infrastructure for safety violations; ensures that safety procedures are followed and that safety equipment is worn; makes periodic safety presentations to assigned staff.• Assists in the construction, and field inspection processes for Capital Improvement Program projects and private developments to ensure contractors' and developers' compliance with City standards; attends pre-construction meetings.• Performs the most complex parks maintenance duties and provides technical assistance to crews.

- Troubleshoots complex operational and maintenance problems; corrects or directs the correction and repair of operational and/or equipment problems.
- Coordinates assigned services and activities with those of other divisions and outside agencies.
- Provides staff assistance to the Public Works Superintendent; prepares and presents staff reports and other written materials; supervises the preparation and maintenance of related reports, records, and files; ensures the proper documentation of operations and activities.
- Oversees safety programs and training for the assigned functional areas and work groups; assists in action planning for safety programs; implements and monitors risk management plans regarding hazardous materials; responds to workers' compensation issues.
- Responds to emergency situations as necessary.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Knowledge of

- Principles and practices of employee supervision, including work planning, assignment, review and evaluation, discipline, and the training of staff in work procedures.
- Principles and practices of parks maintenance and operations program development and administration.
- Principles, practices, equipment, tools, and materials of construction, maintenance, and repair of City parks.
- Applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulatory codes, ordinances, and procedures relevant to assigned area of responsibility.
- Basic principles and practices of budget development, administration, and accountability.
- Principles and practices of contract administration and evaluation.
- Various types of plants, shrubs, and trees.
- Types of plant/tree diseases and insect pests.
- Principles and practices of preventing, treating, and eradicating plant diseases and pests; the use and application of integrated pesticide management techniques, including insecticides and fungicides.
- Landscape plans, ground soil cultivation and preparation.
- Safety principles, practices, procedures, and equipment related to the work, including the handling of hazardous chemicals.
- The operation and maintenance of a variety of hand and power tools, vehicles, and power equipment.
- Basic hydraulics and mathematics.
- Safe driving rules and practices.
- Modern office practices, methods, and computer equipment and applications.
- English usage, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and punctuation.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, vendors, contractors, and City staff.

Ability to

When performing all assignments

- Participate in developing and implementing goals, objectives, practices, policies, procedures, and work standards.
- Supervise, train, plan, organize, schedule, assign, review, and evaluate the work of staff.
- Organize, implement, and direct assigned maintenance and operations activities.
- Interpret, apply, explain, and ensure compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local policies, procedures, laws, and regulations.
- Understand, interpret, and successfully communicate both orally and in writing pertinent department policies and procedures.
- Identify problems, research and analyze relevant information, develop and present recommendations, and justification for solution.
- Perform the most complex maintenance and operations duties and operate related equipment safely and effectively.
- Develop cost estimates for supplies and equipment.
- Research, analyze, and evaluate new service delivery methods, procedures, and techniques.
- Prepare clear and concise reports, correspondence, procedures, and other written materials.
- Establish and maintain a variety of manual and computerized files, record keeping, and project management systems.
- Identify various types of plants, trees, and shrubs.
- Recognize and eradicate common plant/tree diseases and insect pests.
- Assist in mixing and applying herbicides and pesticides.

- Read, and interpret, drawings, blueprints, maps, and specifications.
- Make sound, independent decisions within established policy and procedural guidelines.
- Organize and prioritize a variety of projects and multiple tasks in an effective and timely manner; organize own work, set priorities, and meet critical time deadlines.
- Safely and effectively use and operate hand tools, mechanical equipment, power tools, and equipment required for the work; perform routine equipment maintenance.
- Make accurate arithmetic calculations.
- Operate specialized construction and maintenance light to heavy vehicles and equipment.
- Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software programs.
- Use English effectively to communicate in person, over the telephone, and in writing.
- Cooperatively and effectively work with other crewmembers in a team environment.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and experience

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

- Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth (12th) grade.
- Five (5) years of skilled parks maintenance program experience, two (2) of which should be in a supervisory/lead capacity.

Licenses and certifications

- Possession of a valid California Class C driver license by time of appointment.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, a Qualified Pesticide Applicator Certificate "B" or "C" issued by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation within six (6) months of employment.
- Possession of a Playground Safety Instructor Certificate issued by a reputable organization such as the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) or International Playground Safety Institute (IPSI) is desirable.

Physical demands

Must possess mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer, and to work in and around City streets, parks, playgrounds, ponds, and related facilities; strength, stamina, and mobility to perform light to heavy physical work, to work in confined spaces, around machines, to climb and descend ladders, to operate varied hand and power tools and equipment, and to operate a motor vehicle and visit various City and meeting sites; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; color vision to read gauges and identify appurtenances; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone or radio. The job involves frequent walking in operational areas to identify problems or hazards. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate above-mentioned tools and equipment. Positions in this classification bend, stoop, kneel, reach, and climb to perform work in and inspect work sites. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects weighing up to 80 pounds, or heavier weights with the use of proper equipment.

Environmental elements

Employees partly work in an office environment and partly work in and around public works infrastructure, parks and landscaped areas, and are exposed to loud noise levels, cold and hot temperatures, inclement weather conditions, road hazards, vibration, confining workspace, chemicals, mechanical and/or electrical hazards, and hazardous physical substances and fumes. Employees may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives, and contractors in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

Working Conditions

May be required to be on-call and to work various shifts or emergencies on evenings, weekends, and/or holidays.