

SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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UTILITY OPERATOR II

Summary:

Utility System Operator II, Sierra Lakes County Water District Soda Springs, CA. (\$32.59/hr. - \$40.00/hr. plus excellent benefits including PERS retirement). The Sierra Lakes County Water District is currently accepting applications for a regular full-time Utility System Operator II position. Duties include the performance of a variety of strenuous and responsible jobs in the entire range of work in the maintenance, repair and operation of the water treatment plant, water distribution system and sanitary sewer collection and export system. An employee hired as a Utility System Operator II will be required to act as the Shift Operator of the District's water treatment plant and perform weekend, weekday and holiday on-call duties. Certification by the California SWRCB Division of Drinking Water as a Water Distribution Operator D-1 and Water Treatment Operator T-2 and California Water Environment Association Collection System Maintenance C-2 are necessary to be considered for the position. A California Commercial Class B driver license is required within 90 days of hire. The employee must live within 45-minutes of the District office at Serene Lakes. District employment requires the successful completion of a physical examination, drug screen and background check. **Applications will be received until the position is filled.** For an application, job description and other information, call 530-426-7800 or visit the District's website at www.slcwd.org. The Sierra Lakes County Water District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Description:

Under general supervision of the General Manager, perform a variety of strenuous and responsible jobs in the entire range of work in the maintenance, repair, and operation of the water treatment plant, water distribution system and sanitary sewer collection and export system and to do related work as required. The employee must possess the ability to work independently, exercising judgment and initiative. Duties may involve the operation of mechanical equipment related to a specific task.

Position Characteristics:

Operates and maintains water and wastewater facilities and infrastructure. Installs, maintains and repairs water and sewer lines, service connections and meters, laterals, valves and other collection and distribution systems; digs ditches and excavations using hand, pneumatic and power tools. Operates light and heavy equipment. Under supervision of Chief Operator acts as Shift Operator and performs daily operation and maintenance tasks at water treatment plant. Performs mechanical and electrical maintenance and trouble-shooting at sewer and water pump stations. Responsibilities include performing work in all areas in all locations of the District, depending upon the immediate needs of the District. While an applicant may possess craft or journey-level skills in one or more areas of activity, the selected applicant is expected to be able to perform basic maintenance and repair in all areas of assignment.

Duties:

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Assist in the training of subordinate personnel;
- Locate, inspect and repair manholes; locate, test and repair leaks in underground water and wastewater pipes, lateral connections and associated appurtenances manually or using close-circuit television equipment. Dig trenches and other excavations; cut, thread, assemble and lay water and sewer mains and laterals; tap water and sewer mains and make connections; backfill trenches and excavations;
- Operate a combination Jet-Vac sewer line cleaning truck to free obstructions, buildups of dirt, debris, roots and other materials on scheduled preventative maintenance basis;
- Inspect, maintain, repair pumps and electric motors, controls and alarms;
- Operate and maintain water treatment plant in accordance with California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water Operating Permit; perform water quality sampling, laboratory testing and coordination with outside laboratory to insure compliance with drinking water standards. Assist General Manager with preparation and submittal of required reports;
- Operate and maintain light and heavy equipment used in utility and snow removal operations; transport equipment and supplies to work sites and load and unload equipment;
- Service and maintain mobile and stationary power generating equipment in a clean and orderly condition and make minor repairs as needed;
- Perform various building trades such as light carpentry, plumbing, electrical and mechanical in support of District operations;
- Operate SCADA and other computer generated information systems;
- Provide and maintain all records related to District operations including: maintenance, services, flows and water treatment operations;
- Perform weekend, weekday, and holiday on-call duties when assigned;
- Respond to Customer Service Calls;
- Mark the location of underground water and sewer utilities in response to USA requests;
- Assist General Manager with the inspection of new residential and commercial construction;
- Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers and the general public using good principals of customer service and tact; and
- Perform all other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Knowledge of:

- Practices and procedures as related to the planning, operations and maintenance functions of water and sewer systems;
- Methods, tools, materials and equipment used in the construction and maintenance of potable water treatment, storage and distribution and sewage collection systems, facilities and infrastructure;

- Safe work practices; and
- Operation and maintenance of light and heavy power equipment.

Ability to:

- Work unusual and prolonged work schedules, respond to emergency calls and work unaided or unsupervised when required;
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing with co-workers and the general public;
- Intermittently, sit while driving and operating or while completing forms and reports; stand, bend, squat, climb, kneel, twist, and reach when performing duties. Distinguish colors in coding electrical wires or other safety reliant situations; hear or feel pump motor operations; regularly lift 75 pounds and occasionally lift up to 100 pounds;
- Make accurate math calculations;
- Reading maps, manuals and specifications; and
- Prioritizing own work and using independent judgment within procedural guidelines.

Experience/ Education/Certifications:

Any combination equivalent to experience, education and/or certification that would provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities is qualifying:

- Experience: Four (4) years minimum of increasingly responsible duties in water and sewer utility systems operation, maintenance and construction;
- Education: Graduation or the equivalent from High School;
- Certifications: California SWRCB Division of Drinking Water T-2 Water Treatment Operator and D-1 Water Distribution Operator and California Water Environment Association C-2 Collection System Maintenance certifications at time of hire; and
- California Commercial Class B driver license within 90 days of hire.

Benefits:

The employee is eligible for the following benefits after 30 days of employment with the District:

- Retirement: CalPERS Retirement System (benefit amount based on previous enrollment in CalPERS). The District also participates in the Social Security system;
- Medical: The District pays 100% of the cost of enrollment of the active employee and dependents in the PERS Choice Basic Plan;
- Dental: The District pays 100% of the cost of enrollment of the active employee and dependents in the Delta Dental Plan;
- Vision: The District pays 100% of the cost of enrollment of the active employee and dependents in the VSP Vision Plan;
- Vacation: One day for each full month worked during the first five years of employment;
- Holidays: Nine paid holidays (8 hours each) per calendar year;
- Personal Leave: Two personal paid holidays (8 hours each) per calendar year;
- Sick Leave: Eight hours for each full month worked;
- Work Schedule: Monday through Friday (9 day/80 hours per two week period); and
- On-Call Duty Compensation: \$500/week (\$60/weekday and \$100/weekend day).