



Public Works Supervisor

Definition

Under general direction, plans, schedules, assigns, and reviews the work of maintenance staff within the Public Works Department; supervises, plans, and coordinates the construction, installation, maintenance, and repair for the assigned City infrastructure; administers, monitors, and provides technical input for assigned public works maintenance, operations, and related projects and programs; provides responsible technical assistance to the Assistant Director of Public Works and the Maintenance Superintendent; performs a variety of technical tasks relative to the assigned functional area; and performs related work as required.

Class Characteristics

This is the full supervisory-level class in the public works maintenance class series. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, supervising, reviewing, and evaluating the work of public works maintenance staff either directly or through senior maintenance workers. Incumbents are expected to independently perform the full range of public works maintenance duties as assigned. Performance of the work requires the use of considerable independence, initiative, and discretion within established guidelines. This class is distinguished from the Maintenance Superintendent in that the latter has responsibility over all Public Works divisions.

Supervision Received and Exercised

Receives general direction from the Maintenance Superintendent. Exercises direct and general supervision over assigned maintenance staff.

Typical Job Functions

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.

Plans, organizes, assigns, supervises, and reviews the work of assigned staff in the installation, maintenance, and repair of City streets, signs/markings, storm water conveyance and drainage systems and facilities, grounds, fleet, trees, median strips, and recreation trails; administers specialized projects and programs in area of assignment.

Provides input to the annual departmental budget and administration of division operating budget; monitors and approves expenditures.

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 facilities.

Evaluates employee performance, counsels employees, and effectively recommends initial disciplinary action; assists in selection and promotion.

Trains staff in work and safety procedures and in the operation and use of equipment and supplies; implements procedures and standards.

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, 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.

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, 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 in good working order and worn by crew members; makes periodic safety presentations to assigned staff.

Assists in the construction, and field inspection processes for assigned Capital Improvement Projects to ensure contractors' compliance with City standards; attends pre-construction meetings; performs detailed building plan checks of construction and design to ensure adherence to established policy and sound engineering practices.

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 Maintenance 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.

Stays current on the status of new and pending regulatory legislation; recommends changes to current policies and procedures in order to comply with changes in legislation.

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.

Answers questions and provides information to the public; investigates inquiries; recommends corrective actions to resolve issues.

Responds to emergency situations as necessary.

May act on behalf of the Maintenance Superintendent in his/her absence.

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 public works maintenance and operations program development and administration.

Principles, practices, equipment, tools, and materials of construction, maintenance, and repair of public works infrastructure.

Applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and guidelines.

Basic principles and practices of budget and capital improvement program development, administration and accountability.

Principles and practices of contract administration and evaluation.

Safety principles, practices, and procedures of streets and related systems and facilities, including related equipment and materials.

The operation and maintenance of a variety of hand and power tools, vehicles, and power equipment.

Modern office practices, methods, computer equipment and computer 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:

Assist 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.

Read, interpret, retrieve, and produce 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.

Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software programs.

Use English effectively to communicate in person, over the telephone, and in writing.

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 and six (6) years of increasingly responsible experience in performing construction and maintenance work related to the assigned area of responsibility, including two (2) years of senior maintenance worker or supervisory experience.

Licenses and Certifications

Possess and maintain a valid Class C California driver's license with the appropriate endorsements.

Depending on assignment, the following certifications are required:

For trees and right of way maintenance assignments:

Valid certification by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) as an Arborist.

Possession of California Department of Pesticide Regulation Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) in category C required or ability to obtain within one year.

For grounds maintenance assignments:

Possession of Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certificate as issued by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Possession of California Department of Pesticide Regulation Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) in category B required or ability to obtain within one year.

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, storm drains, sanitary systems, and related facilities; strength, stamina, and mobility to perform light to medium 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 50 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 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 challenging 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 for emergencies on evenings, weekends, and holidays.

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