

HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION:

UTILITY WORKER I

Effective September 2025

The Utility Worker Series is a Non-Exempt/Hourly Classification

Definition - Under direct supervision, to perform basic work in the construction, maintenance, and repair of the District's sewer collection and water distribution systems; to learn the more difficult construction, maintenance, and repair assignments; to do related work as required.

Distinguishing Features—This is an entry-level position in the Utility Worker series. Incumbents work under relatively close supervision, performing the more routine and repetitive construction, maintenance, and repair assignments related to the District's sewer collection and water distribution systems.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities - Duties include but are not limited to assisting in the installation, construction, repair, inspection, maintenance and operation of the water and sewer facilities; maintaining and operating small power/hand tools, construction equipment, sewer cleaning and sewer camera equipment; performing customer service duties including meter reading and responding to complaints; maintaining facilities records; performing laboratory sampling and field tests, including on and off site sampling; and maintaining and operating district vehicles, construction equipment and sewer cleaning equipment. Regular, predictable, consistent, and timely attendance is an essential function of the position, in that the failure of such attendance undermines the District's ability to provide critical public services impacting public health.

Secondary Duties - Provides a variety of support services such as responding to alarms and emergencies and after-hours call-outs; standing scheduled on-call duty; and other duties as assigned. Ability to follow and adhere to all District Policies and Procedures. Maintaining all required training (Distribution Certification, First Aid, CPR, Confined Space, Respirator Fit Test, etc.)

Supervisory Responsibilities - None

Basic Qualifications –

- Possession of a valid Class A California operator's license, with tanker endorsement, issued by the California State Department of Motor Vehicles or ability to obtain within twelve (12) months. Possession, and proof, of a good driving record as evidenced by freedom from multiple or serious traffic violations or accidents for at least two (2) years. The driving record will not contribute to an increase in the District's automobile rates.
- Possession of a valid Grade 1 Water Distribution Operator Certification issued by the California Drinking Water Operator Certification Program (DWOCP) or ability to obtain within twelve (12) months.
- Possession of a valid Grade 1 Collection Systems Maintenance Certification or ability to obtain within twelve (12) months.
- Must participate in the federally mandated drug and alcohol testing program (DOT)

Special Skill Requirements - Ability to apply established practices, procedures and techniques; to use tools and equipment in a safe and responsible manner; to understand and carry out verbal and written communications.

Education and Experience - Any combination of education and experience which would likely provide the necessary knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

High School Diploma or GED; At least 1 year of full-time employment in a comparable position.

Physical Demands of the Job –

- Operates District vehicles and equipment in sewer collection and water distribution system construction, maintenance and repair work.
- Ability to lift and carry 75 lbs.
- Ability to maneuver packages of any weight above 75 lbs with appropriate equipment and/or assistance from another worker.
- Stoops, kneels, crouches, crawls, and climbs during construction, maintenance and repair work.
- Works in an environment with exposure to dust, dirt, rain, open trenches, sewage, chlorine, gasoline, and diesel fuels.
- Communicates orally with District staff in face-to-face, one-to-one settings.
- Regularly uses a telephone and radio for communication.
- Uses equipment such as computer terminals, copiers and fax machines.
- Stands and walks for extended time periods.
- Hearing and vision within normal ranges.
- Uses field equipment such as jack hammers, air tools, pumps, and trench compactors.
- Standing or performing heavy physical labor on a sustained basis.

Employee Acknowledgement

I acknowledge and understand that receipt of this job description provides a general summary of the position in which I am employed, that the contents of this job description are job requirements and, at this time, I know no limitations which would prevent me from performing these functions with or without reasonable accommodation. I further understand that it is my responsibility to inform the General Manager at any time that I am unable to perform these functions.

The specific statements shown in each section of this job description are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent typical elements and criteria necessary to successfully perform the job. Job duties, tasks, work hours, and work requirements may be changed at any time. Acceptable job performance includes completion of the job responsibilities as well as compliance with the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the District. My signature below confirms that I have read and understand this job description.

I have received and read this Job Description, fully understand it and freely agree to its terms.

Dated _____

Employee Signature _____