

SUPERVISING MOSQUITO CONTROL TECHNICIAN

Definition

Under direction of the District Manager performs supervisory duties over a group of Mosquito Control Technicians, and performs other related duties as required.

Class Characteristics

Incumbents are working level supervisors and may perform all the functions assigned to Mosquito Control Technicians. Incumbents assist in the interviewing and selection of new employees; prepare evaluations of staff supervised; counsels' employees, attempts to resolve grievances and, when appropriate recommends disciplinary action.

Typical Tasks

Assists the District Manager with the day-to-day operations of a group of Mosquito Control technicians, including work assignments; acts as liaison with the community in assigned geographical districts; develops short range goals to assure that mosquito suppression functions are accomplished in an efficient and timely manner; makes work assignments which use staff effectively; determines priority of action when there are competing requests for service; authorizes vacation; coordinates interrelated activities with other field service units; coordinates mosquito suppression work with the Vector Biologist; trains and develops staff; evaluates employee achievements and effectiveness through performance evaluations and daily interactions; trains employees in appropriate safety procedures including proper handling of chemicals and disbursement equipment and other general safe practices associated with the District's mission; may patrol to locate mosquito breeding sources such as ditches, drains, ponds, sloughs and fields; inspects and tests water to determine presence and type of larvae or adult mosquitoes; may mix insecticides using proper safety precautions; treats infested areas by hand or with power equipment; make maps of areas to be sprayed by airplane; inspect to determine effectiveness of control measures; contacts property owners and others to answer complaints, stocks year-around water sources with mosquito eating fish; may do weed control, drainage, road and other construction and source reduction work; may operate, clean and maintains mechanical equipment; keeps time, material, and equipment records.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and three year or equivalent experience or training in mosquito control that would demonstrate the following knowledges and abilities:

Possession of a certified California Department of Health Services Vector Control Technician certificate in at least categories A & B.

KNOWLEDGES and ABILITIES

Knowledge of the principles and practices associated with the suppression of mosquitos; knowledge of basic mathematics and report writing; good working knowledge of basic mechanical operations associated with small gas engines, mechanical sprayers, and related equipment; the methods, equipment and materials used in mosquito abatement; the principles and practices of water drainage including basic methods of dairy pond operations; agricultural irrigation principles and practices;

Ability to plan, schedule and direct the work of Mosquito Control technicians; select, train, supervise and evaluate subordinates; function under potentially stressful and/or confrontational type situations, exercising good judgment and initiating appropriate courses of action. promote the good will of the public by acting with courtesy and effectively handle difficult situations in tactful manner; follow oral and written instructions; establish and maintain effective relationships with property owners, other public agencies, and the general public; maintain mosquito suppression records; speak English sufficiently to communicate clearly to the public, and understand and follow oral directions; lift fifty pounds (50 lbs.) and navigate difficult terrain in various weather situations.

Special Requirement

Individuals must possess a valid drivers' license at time of appointment, and have a good driving record.