

Distribution System Operator/Trainee Basic Overview

Salary Minimum: \$29,224 Dependent on Qualifications
Salary Maximum: \$57,762 (Distribution Operator License 3)

The purpose of this classification is to perform construction, maintenance, inspection, and repair of water distribution systems and wastewater collection systems, and to operate related equipment, in compliance with Local/State/Federal standards, guidelines and Laws.

This is a semi-entry level position involving manual field work in the water distribution and wastewater collection system, including the operation, maintenance and repair of the water and sewer lines; lift stations and related equipment.

Work is performed under the direct supervision of the Maintenance Supervisor and Maintenance Foreman who review work for conformance with established standards and procedures.

Performs manual work involving construction, maintenance, inspection and repair of water distribution systems and wastewater collection system to maintain integrity of these systems and to maintain quality and sufficient pressure of water provided to customers.

Responds to work orders involving meter installations; responds to customer complaints and work orders involving water leaks, low water pressure, complaints of flooding, washouts, or other situations; investigates problems/complaints, identifies problems, and initiates necessary repairs; reports problems to supervisor.

Provides response to after-hours calls or to emergency situations.

Performs various tasks associated with water and/or wastewater utility construction/maintenance projects as assigned, which may include, but are not limited to, locating water services/mains and meter boxes, obtaining locates for utility work areas, repairing water main breaks, repairing culverts, repair of washouts, laying sod, maintaining pump stations, operating recharge system, surveying and database maintenance, installing new services, tapping water mains, cutting pipes, installing/replacing compound meters and regular meters, setting small/large meters, testing meters, repairing/maintaining and installation of fire hydrants and canal crossings, flushing hydrants, painting hydrants, repairing/maintaining valves, removing/patching concrete/asphalt, cleaning out meter boxes, pumping water from meter boxes, operating/maintaining pump station, repairing/maintaining small engine pumps and saws, removing pests/rodents from meter areas, trimming/pruning shrubs/trees around meter boxes, cutting grass, repairing/replacing damaged landscaping, digging/removing dirt/debris from meter boxes, digging ditches/trenches, compacting soil, shoveling materials, lifting/moving heavy materials, or setting up traffic/safety barricades/cones in work zones.