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CITY OF RIVERSIDE
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

TITLE: TREE MAINTENANCE WORKER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to perform a variety of semi-skilled work in the planting, ground trimming, spraying and removal of trees; and to do related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry level class in tree maintenance activities. Positions assigned to this class are normally filled by advancement from the Maintenance Worker I class, or, when filled from the outside, require prior experience in tree maintenance activities. Appointment to the higher class of Tree Trimmer I requires that the employee be performing the full range of Tree Maintenance Worker duties and meet that qualification standards for Tree Trimmer I.

REPORTS TO: Tree Maintenance Inspector

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Tree Maintenance Inspector.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Typical duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assist crew in setting up safety zones, traffic control, roping and spotting.
- Plant, transplant and stake trees, digging holes by hand and truck mounter auger.
- Irrigate, cultivate and fertilize trees and shrubs.
- Mix insecticides and other sprays and spray trees to control and eradicate pests and diseases and regulate growth.
- Prune trees from the ground, using pole pruning equipment.
- Clean up trimming debris and feed through chipper machine or load on truck; operate boom truck to load large tree sections for disposal.
- Operate a variety of equipment, including dump truck, boom truck, water truck, chipper, stump grinder, chainsaw and truck mounted equipment.
- Maintain and care for tools, ropes, safety equipment, trucks and related equipment.
- May lead a small crew and participate in tree maintenance work, including ground trimming.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Basic tree planting and maintenance methods, techniques, equipment and procedures.
- Safe work practices.

Ability to:

- Understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- Operate a variety of light mechanical equipment.
- Perform heavy manual labor.
- Work overtime as required.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of experience and education that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: Equivalent to completion of twelfth grade.

Experience: One year experience in grounds keeping and/or tree maintenance work.

MEDICAL CATEGORY: Group 2

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of an appropriate, valid class "C" California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FROM: Tree Maintenance Worker

TO: Tree Maintenance Inspector