

SOUTH COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Job Description

Job Title: Relief Ditchrider
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Watermaster
FLSA Status: Nonexempt
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SUMMARY

During the irrigation season, the Relief Ditchrider substitutes as a Ditchrider as needed on rides within the watermaster area to deliver irrigation water through each of the farm unit turnouts included within that ride. During non-irrigation season, the Relief Ditchrider functions within the guidelines of the Canal Maintenance Worker job description.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

All routine and non-routine tasks accomplished by the Relief Ditchrider shall be within district guidelines as set forth in district rules and regulations, or as directed by supervisor(s).

During the irrigation season, the Relief Ditchrider shall substitute for a Ditchrider and be responsible to establish and follow a daily schedule in order to deliver irrigation water through each of the farm unit turnouts included within that ride. Essential functions of the job include: record keeping to determine water usage and to determine the next day's water order; adjusting delivery gates accurately for each landholder; maintaining appropriate water surface elevation in canals and laterals as deliveries are made at the turnouts; pulling weeds from weed racks to maintain integrity of the conveyance system; applying pesticides for weed control as required; checking lubrication and operation of drain and relift pumps within designated ride; and interfacing with landholders and other district personnel. The Relief Ditchrider may be asked to participate in the training of new Ditchriders and Canal Maintenance Workers.

During non-irrigation season, the Relief Ditchrider shall be required to maintain and upgrade the condition of the water conveyance system and rights-of-way. During this time the Relief Ditchrider shall function within the guidelines of the Canal Maintenance Worker job description.

At times, during both irrigation and non-irrigation season, non-routine tasks may be required. Such tasks shall consist of any duties within the scope of daily work activities preformed by district employees. Non-routine tasks may be required under emergency conditions or when area Watermaster or Assistant Watermaster deems it necessary in order to ensure uninterrupted service of water.

Work location may be reestablished by the district in the sole discretion of district management when it is deemed necessary in order to maintain or improve water service.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

This job has no supervisory responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

High school diploma or general education degree (GED); or one to three months related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

REASONING ABILITY

Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

A class A Washington State Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with tank and hazardous material endorsements and public pesticide operator license is required within 90 days after the completion of the hire-in probationary period or at the discretion of the district agronomist to facilitate scheduling. These licenses shall be maintained in force while employed under this job description.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel and reach with hands and arms. The employee frequently is required to stand,

walk, and sit. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and talk or hear. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 10 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to outside weather conditions. The employee is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, moving mechanical parts, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, and vibration. The employee is occasionally exposed to risk of electrical shock. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.