ASSISTANT ENGINEER

This class description is only intended to present a summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with the positions. Descriptions <u>may not include all</u> duties performed by individuals within the class. In addition, descriptions outline the minimum qualifications necessary for entry into the class and do not necessarily convey the qualifications of incumbents within the position.

DEFINITION

Under direction, performs a variety of professional engineering services for District operations and customers ranging from simple water pressure calculations to system distribution design; responsibilities include master planning and designing water transmission and distribution facilities and sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities; and performs other work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The **Assistant Engineer** performs journey level professional and technical engineering work with a moderate degree of difficulty in the design and construction of District water and sewer systems and facilities. The position has a high level of contact with the professional staff of the District, other governmental agencies, general public, developers, private professionals and contractors.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED

Receives general direction from the Chief Engineer and Associate Engineer. The **Assistant Engineer** provides consultation, and collaborates with Engineering Technicians, Engineering Service Representatives, Engineering Assistant, and office clerical/secretarial support staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES (include but are not limited to the following):

Performs detailed design of water and sewer facilities including drafting and computer aided design (CAD) work preparation of detailed construction estimates, material requisitions, and master plans of water and sewer facilities; inspects and/or supervises construction project work as required; prepares cost and budgetary estimates on projects; tracks costs and budgets of assigned projects; responds to and follows through on customer service calls; drafts new standards and specifications as required; conducts reviews and responds to engineering studies, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) reports; prepares material and construction contract packages and proposals, prepares Request For Proposals (RFP's); conducts water supply and sewage collection/treatment/disposal feasibility studies and master planning; and participates in a variety of professional committees.

QUALIFICATIONS (The following minimum qualifications are necessary for entry into the class):

Education/Experience

Sufficient experience and education as a professional engineer to perform the duties of an **Assistant Engineer**. A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is to possess the equivalent of two years of practical experience in an engineering position and a Bachelor's degree in civil or mechanical engineering from an accredited college or university.

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Knowledge/Skill/Ability

Knowledge of: principles, methods, materials and equipment used in professional engineering design, drafting, and inspecting; water and sewer facilities including transmission and distribution systems, storage tanks, pump stations, treatment plants and facilities, and engineering alternatives to traditional capital facilities; industry construction methods and materials; computer operations, software, and programs that assist in engineering work; District policies, procedures and issues; general understanding and knowledge of City, County, and State codes and ordinances.

Ability to: provide critical thinking to assigned projects; troubleshoot issues and provide fail safe options; operate equipment, inspect facilities, and conduct field operations; work rotating shifts, weekends, holidays and remain available in the event of an emergency; maintain effective working relationships in the event of an emergency.

License/Certificate

Possession of a valid Class C California driver's license.

Possession of a valid Engineer-in-Training certificate issued by the State of California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

5% additional salary with Professional Engineer registration.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Position requires prolonged sitting, standing, walking, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, squatting, and stooping in the performance of daily activities. The position also requires grasping, repetitive hand movement, and fine coordination in preparing and reviewing construction plans, statistical reports and data, and using a computer keyboard. Additionally, the position requires near, far, and color vision in reading reports, reviewing plans and blueprints, and using the computer. When visiting construction sites or existing District facilities the position will require walking on uneven and slippery surfaces, climbing ladders or stairwells, exposure to all weather conditions, dust and pollen, and potential mechanical and heavy equipment hazards.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Per California Government Code, Title 1, Division 4, Chapter 8, Section 3100, "all public employees are hereby declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law."

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