ASSOCIATE ENGINEER

This class description is only intended to present a summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with the positions. Descriptions may not include all 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
Performs a variety of professional engineering services for District operations and customers ranging from simple water pressure calculations to facility design and construction management; responsibilities include planning and designing water storage, pumping and transmission facilities and sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities; and performs other work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS
The Associate Engineer performs advanced journey level professional and technical engineering work with a high 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 professional staff of the District, other governmental agencies, and private professionals and contractors.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED
Receives general direction from the Chief Engineer. The Associate Engineer provides direction, 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 wastewater facilities including manual drafting and basic computer aided design (CAD) and Geographic Information System (GIS) work; preparation of detailed construction estimates and material requisitions; inspects and/or supervises construction project work as required; prepares and tracks cost and budgetary estimates on projects; provides information to the general public and 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 other duties as assigned.

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 Associate Engineer. A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is to possess the equivalent of four years of practical experience in an engineering position and a Bachelor's degree in civil or mechanical engineering from an accredited college or university.
Knowledge/Skill/Ability

Knowledge of: principles, methods, materials and equipment used in professional engineering design, drafting, and inspecting; water and sewer facilities including hydraulics, 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, 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 Certificate of Registration as a Professional Civil or Mechanical Engineer issued by the State of California Board of Registration for Professional Engineers.

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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