About CAL FIRE

The men and women of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) are dedicated to the fire protection and stewardship of over 31 million acres of California’s privately-owned wildlands. In addition, the Department provides varied emergency services in 36 of the State’s 58 counties via contracts with local governments.

CAL FIRE’s values represent beliefs that are shared among the stakeholders of the Department. Values drive the culture and priorities and provide a framework in which decisions are made. CAL FIRE’s organizational culture is built upon a total force concept, in which every employee in the Department, regardless of assigned role, plays an integral part in emergency response, public safety, resource management, watershed protection, and meeting the Department’s mission and goals.
The Scope

Under general direction in a conservation camp in the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to perform a variety of skilled work in the operation, maintenance, and repair of a water/wastewater treatment plant, water, sewer, heating, boiler, air conditioning, ventilating, lighting, power, and other mechanical systems normally found in a State conservation camp facility; to work closely with Region, Headquarters facility planners, and various control agencies on facility maintenance problems and code requirements; to maintain order and supervise the conduct of inmates or wards; to instruct or lead inmates, wards, or resident workers in facilities maintenance while protecting and maintaining the safety of persons and property; and to do other related work.

On The Job

Positions in this class are in Department of Forestry and Fire Protection conservation camps which are located in remote, isolated areas of California that preclude using existing local municipal water or wastewater systems. The camps have their own drinking water supply and treatment systems, along with on-site wastewater disposal systems that serve the inmate population as well as State staff. Assignments may include sole responsibility for the lead and instruction of inmates, wards, or resident workers and/or the protection of personal and real property.

Benefits

- Fulfilling Work & Safety Retirement
- Employment Throughout California
- Sick Leave & Vacation Hours
- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance Options

Salary (Monthly)

Water and Sewage Plant Operator $5,991.00 - $7,423.00

Requirements

- Possession of a valid State of California Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Operator Certification issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (Grade I or Grade II) and State Department of Health Services (Grade 1 or Grade 2).

AND EITHER:

- Completion of a recognized apprenticeship for Stationary Engineers. (Apprentices who are within six months of completing their apprenticeship program may be admitted to the examination but must provide evidence of completion prior to appointment.)

- Four years of experience performing duties which may include the operation and maintenance of water and sewer systems, plumbing, boiler, heating, refrigeration, ventilation, laundry, and shop and power equipment of commercial, industrial, or institutional buildings. Completion of 670 hours of formalized technical instruction relating to Stationary Engineering in training offered by such established programs as: Job Corps; Skill Centers; ROP; Trades Schools; Military; and Joint Training Partnership Act.

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