CITY OF FOLSOM

ARBORIST

DEFINITION

Under direction, provide technical expertise to city departments regarding trees and other plants to ensure compliance with conditions of approval for private development projects and an environmentally appropriate and sustainable community forest. Incumbents may oversee, monitor, and/or direct the work of lower level personnel.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

NOTE: The following are the duties performed by employees in this classification. However, employees may perform other related duties at an equivalent level. Each individual in the classification does not necessarily perform all the duties listed.

- Review construction plans for residential and commercial development to ensure compliance with applicable city laws, rules, and regulations.
- Inspect trees on public property to verify location and determine condition, required maintenance, and suitability for preservation; inspect plant materials to ensure quality.
- Make recommendations regarding tree preservation techniques and landscape design.
- Plan and oversee the work of employees in tree planting, removal, and maintenance activities.
- Make recommendations and develop plans for the street tree planting program.
- Coordinate the expenditure of the Tree Planting and Replacement Fund.
- Respond to citizens' inquiries and requests relative to tree services on private property and to determine tree permit requirements.
- Issue tree removal permits; issue warnings and notifications for violations of applicable city laws, rules, and regulations.
- Assist in developing policies and specifications for tree preservation and landscape-related issues.
- Prepare written reports.
- Make presentations to committees, commissions, or groups, including the City Council.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

NOTE: The level and scope of the following knowledge and abilities are related to duties listed under the "Examples of Essential Duties" section of this specification.

Knowledge of:

- Chemical and biological measures used in tree insect/disease control work.
- Dendrology and plant physiology.
- Principles of horticulture, forestry, and arboriculture.
- Basic landscape architecture and construction.
- Standard practices, equipment, and tools used in tree maintenance work.

Ability to:

- Provide scientific and technical advice and assistance on problems relating to Tree Services activities.
- Oversee, monitor, and direct the work of other employees.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Effectively communicate verbally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees and the general public.

Minimum Qualifications:

Education:

A bachelor's degree in arboriculture, horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, or a closely related field from an accredited college or university.

Experience:

Three (3) years of full-time experience in work involving tree insect/disease control and tree planting, preservation, and maintenance activities.

License, Certificate, Registration Requirements:

- Possession of, or ability to obtain and retain, a California Class C driver license by the time of appointment. Individuals who do not meet this requirement due to a disability will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Possession of an ISA Arborist certification.

Physical Requirements:

Work is frequently performed in an office setting and occasionally in an outdoor environment. (1) Mobility: frequent use of keyboard; frequent sitting; occasional standing, walking, climbing, bending; occasional driving of vehicles. (2) Lifting: occasional lifting up to 10 pounds. (3) Vision: constant use of overall vision; color vision necessary. (4) Dexterity: occasional grasping, holding, and reaching. (5) Hearing/Talking: frequent hearing and talking in person and via telephone. (6) Emotional/Psychological: frequent coworker and public contact; occasional working

alone. (7) Environmental: occasional exposure to loud noise; occasional exposure to chemicals, fumes, and other environmental substances.

Information Block

Class Code:
FLSA Status:
Established:
Revised:
Retitled:
Workers Compensation Code
Bargaining Unit: