

Vector Control Assistant - Seasonal

West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District

Filing Deadline: Until filled

Salary: \$21.06 – \$26.30/hour DOE

Basic Functions: This is an entry level position in vector control. The Vector Control Assistant gives assistance to an experienced technician in the inspection of vector sources, applying vector control related materials, and pursuing source reduction projects. Work is performed in accordance with established methods and techniques. The employee is closely supervised and receives specific assignments and guidance accompanied by detailed oral or written instructions.

Desirable Qualifications:

Knowledge of:

- Basic arithmetic and biology of vectors;
- Vector control equipment, vehicle operation, and safety practices;
- Laws and regulations pertaining to vector control.

Ability to:

- Work independently and responsibly in the field;
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing and understand and carry out written and oral instructions;
- Work cooperatively with other personnel and the general public;
- Accept assignments from persons working at a higher level;
- Maintain field notes, records and maps;
- Practice safety techniques and use good judgment in the use of vector control equipment.

Education and Experience:

- Minimum education equivalent to or graduation from high school.
- Prior work experience or course work in pest or vector control related fields helps but not required.
- Bilingual capabilities a plus but not required.

Functional requirements

- Must be sighted with the ability to demonstrate measurable depth perception;
- Minimum of single ear aided hearing;
- Ability to speak and write effectively in English;
- Ability to frequently traverse uneven ground such as fields, dirt banks, stream beds, and shallow ponds;
- Ability to frequently operate a motor vehicle;
- Ability to frequently bend at the knees and waist to inspect sources;
- Ability to regularly carry a 50-pound sprayer on one's back over uneven surfaces;
- Ability to occasionally operate specialized equipment such as boats, all-terrain vehicles, and other mechanized equipment;
- Ability to occasionally climb ladders with a 25-pound sprayer on one's back;
- Ability to periodically assist in the lifting of objects overhead weighing in excess of 60 pounds;
- Ability to periodically perform repetitive motion associated with computer and electronic device usage;
- Ability to tolerate insect bites and stings;
- Ability to maintain regular and punctual attendance;
- Ability to periodically sit for extended periods of time.

Certificate: The appointee must be certified by the California Department of Health Services as a technician in Mosquito Control, Terrestrial Invertebrate Vector Control and Vertebrate Vector Control within twelve (12) months of the date of employment. Failure to obtain certification will result in separation from the District.

License: The appointee must have a valid and appropriate California driver's license and must be insurable with the District's insurance carrier at all times throughout the employment.

Post-Offer Physical Examination: A qualified physician must certify that a candidate is physically able to perform the duties of the position and is free of illegal substances as determined by a drug screen. The post-offer physical examination and drug screen shall be performed by a qualified medical doctor and/or laboratory as designated by the District and all costs shall be paid by the District.

Post-Offer Background Investigation: A thorough background investigation will be conducted by an investigator designated by the District and all costs shall be paid by the District.

Until the candidate successfully completes and satisfies the requirements of the post-offer physical exam and background investigation, all employment offers are conditional and not guaranteed.

The District reserves the right to modify, delete, augment, or supplement the duties, qualifications and requirements stated at its sole and absolute discretion. An electronic version of the application along with a detailed job description can be found on our website: www.wmvcd.org.

West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District is an equal opportunity employer.