COACHELLA VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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POSITION: SEASONAL VECTOR CONTROL OPERATOR

SALARY: $14.00 - $15.00 per hour

STATUS: Seasonal - Not to Exceed 6 months or 890 Hours

BENEFITS: None

CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled

Definition of the Position: Under direction and supervision, this at-will, seasonal position will carry out less complex vector control operations and do related work as required. This position may be assigned to Mosquito, Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA), Eye Gnat, Lab, Bio-Control, Administration or other District programs. This position will serve less than six (6) months and less than eight hundred ninety (890) hours per calendar year.

Essential Duties

The duties, responsibilities and essential job functions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Under oversight of a certified technician, performs less complex vector control operations including surveillance for mosquitoes, flies, rodents, red imported fire ants and other vectors.
2. Under oversight of a certified technician, works as part of a vector control crew to abate vector breeding in designated sources which includes operation of personal spray equipment.
3. Performs general unskilled labor in source reduction.
4. Maintains the laboratory and tank room in a clean, orderly and organized manner.
5. Maintains and inventories aquatic organisms to control mosquito larvae including mosquito fish and other fish, tadpole shrimp, and other bio-control organisms.
6. Maintains the sentinel chicken flocks and fish production.
7. Collects mosquitoes for arbovirus surveillance using different traps.
8. Collects flies for fly surveillance using traps.
9. Stocks fish and tadpole shrimps to specific locations.
10. In general, assists and performs a variety of duties dealing with field, laboratory, and research related tasks.
11. Keeps District off-road vehicles/equipment and buildings clean and in an orderly condition, including painting and performing simple building and equipment repairs.
12. Reports deficiencies/problems in equipment to supervisor and keeps a record of work completed.
13. Assists in administrative tasks, answering phones, and performs service requests for the public.
14. Attends training sessions and completes learning assignments in vector control.
15. Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

♦   Knowledge of basic arithmetic
♦   Ability to speak and write clearly and effectively in English
♦   Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions
♦   Ability to work cooperatively with other personnel and the general public
♦   Ability to accept assignments from persons working at a higher level
♦   Ability to maintain field notes, records, and maps

♦   Ability to practice safety techniques and use good judgment in the use of vehicles and vector control equipment

Requirements

♦   High School diploma, GED or equivalent.
♦   Possession of a valid California Driver license and driving record acceptable to CVMVCD insurance carrier.
♦   Ability to operate a vehicle observing legal and defensive driving practices.
♦   Successful completion of pre-employment physical examination, drug screening, and background check.

Physical Demands

♦   Incumbents may be exposed to hazardous control materials, venomous insects, vectors and vector-borne diseases, rough terrain, inclement weather conditions, vicious animals, poisonous plants and animals, and may deal with irate or antagonistic individuals.
♦   Under supervision, ability to mix, load, and apply bait/pesticides in containers weighing up to 40 lbs. according to label specifications and established standards.
♦   Ability to demonstrate measurable visual depth perception and color vision; have a minimum of single ear aided hearing.
♦   Ability to demonstrate physical stamina to frequently* operate a motor vehicle; show coordination of eye/hand/foot.
♦   Ability to regularly* traverse uneven ground such as fields, dirt banks, stream beds, and shallow ponds carrying equipment and materials up to 50 lbs.; walk on even surfaces; stand for extended periods of time.
♦   Ability to wear protective equipment such as hip waders, and rubber boots, as needed.
♦   Ability to work alone at times and/or without direct supervision.
♦   Ability to tolerate insect bites.
♦   May be required to be vaccinated for various diseases to which incumbent may be exposed in the course of work.
♦   Ability to occasionally* operate specialized equipment such as boats, all-terrain vehicles, and other mechanized equipment; sit for extended periods of time; bend; use gross manipulation by hand; perform simple grasping and carrying.
♦   Ability to periodically* perform repetitive motion associated with computer usage; climb a ladder and operate spray equipment; twist; crawl; balance; lift; push; use fine manipulation by hand; power grip; squat/crouch; kneel; reach; climb; pull; smell.

     *   Periodically – Activity or condition exists up to 25 percent of the time
            Occasionally – Activity or condition exists from 25 to 50 percent of the time
            Regularly – Activity or condition exists from 50 to 75 percent of the time
            Frequently – Activity or condition exists 75 percent or more of the time

Other relevant knowledge and abilities may be considered in-lieu of, or in addition to, the foregoing.

Environmental Conditions

♦   Approximately half of the work is performed in extremely high temperatures and may include the requirement that heavy protective gear and equipment be carried. Extreme dryness is present most of the time although some weather conditions or locations include humid conditions. The employee will be exposed to hazards, which include insect bites, chemicals, fumes and dust.

Interested parties who meet the qualifications must complete and submit a District application. Resumes alone will not be accepted, but may be included with the application. To obtain an application or apply online, please visit our website at www.cvmvcd.org.