

## SEWER MAINTENANCE WORKER I

### **Definition:**

Under direct supervision, assists in the maintenance of sewer collection systems and wastewater treatment facilities and does related work as required.

### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

This is the entry level in the Sewer Maintenance Worker flexible series. The Sewer Maintenance Worker I is distinguished from the Sewer Maintenance Worker II by the level of training and experience. Promotion is considered on a merit basis based on acquiring the required training and experience, and is subject to recommendation by the Department head and approval of the Director of Personnel.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Performs routine maintenance, cleaning and videoing of sewer lines.
- Disassembles and cleans sewer pumps.
- Assists with repairs to sewer pump motors.
- Carries out extermination program to control cockroaches, rats and other vectors.
- Operates maintenance equipment and vehicles, and ensures compliance with safety requirements.
- Performs repairs and preventive maintenance for sewer maintenance and treatment facility equipment.
- Responds to emergency sewer stoppage calls and works with the public.
- Completes sewer maintenance, overflow and emergency response reports.
- Cleans treatment plant structures and assists in major repairs.
- Works as a member of the Confined Space Entry crew.
- Ingress and egress from 20-foot deep sewer manholes; ascend and descend 25-foot metal ladder affixed to the side of a wall; performs hard physical labor; repeatedly lifts 50 pounds, occasionally lifts 100 pounds; removes and replaces sewer manhole covers weighing 205 pounds.
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

### **Employment Standards:**

Completion of High School or possession of a G.E.D.

### **License Required:**

Must possess and maintain a valid Class "B" California driver's license with brake and tank endorsements.

### **Some Positions May Require:**

Attainment of California Water Environment Association certification in appropriate sewer maintenance, mechanical or electrical categories may be required, depending upon assignment.

**Additional Requirement:**

As a condition of employment, the incumbent must reside within 30 minutes normal driving time of the Kern Sanitation Authority's wastewater treatment plant located at 4101 Kimber Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

**Knowledge of:** basic mathematics, the use of hand tools common to the building trades.

**Ability to:** follow oral and written directions; apply mathematical and mechanical aptitudes; read and understand equipment maintenance manuals and low-level technical manuals; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; repair maintenance equipment.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.