

WILDLAND FIRE DEFENSE PLANNER

Definition:

Under direction, assist in the administration and management of the Air & Wildland Division; plans and directs the vegetation clearance and management, fuel modification, fire planning, and environmental review. Responds to vegetation fires to provide assistance as a technical specialist.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

The Wildland Fire Defense Planner is a singleton classification. The Wildland Fire Defense Planner is distinguished from other classifications by its responsibility for planning, implementing and coordinating vegetation management programs.

Essential Functions:

- Supervises employees to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and making hiring, termination and disciplinary recommendations.
- Coordinates program priorities and external requests for assistance.
- Reviews and analyzes potential projects, which includes: determining environmental impacts; determining cost effectiveness of projects; analyzing the potential impact on cooperative and neighboring areas; and, reviewing other related issues.
- Develops project plans that outline project benefits, plan development recommendations, type of plan, desired outcomes, impacts to KCFD and other agencies, environmental impacts, and any other pertinent information.
- Serves as a liaison with other County Departments, Federal, and State agencies.
- Implements plans and projects, which includes: prioritizing projects, determining project locations, determining project feasibility, determining resources, and determining other related items.
- Develops and updates Community Wildfire Protection Plans.
- Plans and coordinates community wildland fire awareness events and public education programs.
- Gives lectures or informal talks to interested community groups regarding wildland fire and hazard reduction measures.
- Prepares or assists in preparing comprehensive reports, including budgets, environmental documents, contracts, and grant proposals.
- Performs other job related duties as required.

Employment Standards:

Bachelor's Degree in Forestry, or a related field, and two years of directly related project/program management experience.

OR

An equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to obtain the knowledge and skill to successfully perform the essential duties of the job.

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License at the time of appointment.

Knowledge of: wildland fuel modification practices; environmental and ecosystem procedures; characteristics of wildland vegetation fuel hazards; timber harvest plans and practices; forest stand improvement; California Environmental Quality Act laws and regulations.

Ability to: prioritize and assign work; use a computer and applicable software applications; manage programs and/or projects; develop project plans; implement programs and/or projects; review and analyze data; maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the public.

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.

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