

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Definition:

Under direction, performs a variety of skilled and unskilled tasks in the operation of light and medium motorized equipment used in parks maintenance; operates either park maintenance equipment or Fire Department fuel trucks; and services light and medium motorized equipment.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Incumbents in this classification operate, maintain and service motorized equipment in the Parks and Recreation Department as a regular assignment. This distinguishes the classification from classifications in which incumbents occasionally operate light, medium and heavy motorized equipment. Incumbents may perform services on Fire Department fuel trucks and other department motorized equipment.

Essential Functions:

- Operates a variety of light, medium and heavy equipment including but not limited to tractors, skip loaders, dump trucks, 1 1/2 ton 3 ton trucks, water trucks, tilt bed trailers, refuse packer trailers, graders, fork lift, backhoes, and large turf area mowers.
- Operates equipment in moving dirt, filling holes, leveling and dragging, renovating, controlling weeds and fertilizing.
- Hauls trash and garbage from parks and recreation areas.
- Loads equipment onto trailer and transports to various county sites.
- Services equipment
- Assists other Parks and Recreation personnel with seasonal projects including but not limited to pruning trees, renovating baseball fields, repairing pot holes in parking lots.
- Operates bus/van
- Provides instruction and direction to special program workers.
- Performs project clean-up tasks and minor maintenance work using garden implements and common hand tools.
- Operates fuel trucks
- Conducts daily fuel quality checks.
- Fuels helicopters
- Performs required recordkeeping.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Employment Standards:

One year of experience in work requiring the operation and maintenance of light and medium motorized equipment.

Possession of a valid California Class A Motor Vehicle Driver's License. Possession of a valid California Class B Vehicle Driver's License with a hazardous materials endorsement may be required depending upon assignment.

Knowledge of: operation and maintenance characteristics of basic light and medium motorized equipment such as trucks, tractors, skip loaders; dump trucks; fuel trucks, and equipment operating hazards and safety practices.

Ability to: operate light and medium motorized equipment, make minor field repairs and adjustments on equipment; keep accurate written records; understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

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.