WATER OPERATIONS WORKER I

DEFINITION
Under general supervision, participates in activities assigned to the water operations to include installing, maintaining, and repairing water services, valves, mains, hydrants, and meters. Incumbents in this classification must be able to work and participate in the standby / on-call program, and respond to call-outs and other emergencies within a 30 minute time frame, and be able to work after normal working hours, on weekends and holidays.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS
(Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. This list of tasks is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by positions in this class). Incumbents in this class may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

TASKS
• Participates in the installation, maintenance and repair of water valves, mains, hydrants and meters;
• Operates heavy equipment for the removal of debris and tree roots and to unclog sewer lines and storm drain systems;
• Assists in diagnosing and repairing water leaks and breaks;
• Assists in cutting, filling, and laying pipe and in fitting elbows, bends and valves;
• Operates power-driven equipment used in water service work;
• Performs general maintenance activities involved in the upkeep of the city's water operations;
• Performs general maintenance activities to include but not limited to painting fire hydrants, pumps, and appurtenances, sweeping and cleaning water facilities;
• Serves as a disaster service worker as directed;
• Performs other division related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS
• Knowledge of: Water quality and safety compliance codes and guidelines, occupational hazards and safety precautions, applicable City, county, state and Federal statutes, rules, ordinances, codes and regulations governing water treatment and production.
• Skilled in: Skilled in working within deadlines to complete projects and assignments, following oral and written instructions, use of power tools to perform essential duties, and in establishing and maintaining productive working relationships;
• Ability to: Communicate effectively communicate in writing and verbally to customers and supervisors, establish and maintain a cooperative working relationship with a wide variety of people including event and to perform essential duties with little supervision.

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
Work is performed in an outdoor environment. Work may require frequent standing, walking, bending and lifting up to 50 pounds. Incumbents in this class maybe exposed to repetitive motion, extreme temperatures and weather, moving traffic, areas under construction, hazardous fumes and chemicals and infectious diseases.

QUALIFICATIONS
A high school diploma or equivalent, AND two (2) years’ work experience in water operation. Must possess at the time of application and maintain a valid Class B California Driver’s License and a Grade I Water Distribution Operator Certificate issued by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and within 18 months obtain a Grade 1 Water Treatment Certificate.