

DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR I

Definition:

Under supervision, assists Distribution Operator II in the operation of the distribution system (treated water); performs related work as assigned.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

Examples of Duties:

- field locates and operates valves for scheduled outages and tie-ins, records and maintains records of valve locations, types, etc.;
- assists in the operation, regulation and maintenance of pressure reducing and pump stations;
- operates valve locating equipment;
- sets up and places traffic (control) warning devices;
- inspects and tests cross-connection control devices;
- obtains water quality samples from distribution system;
- observes proper safety precautions and maintains tools and equipment in proper and safe working condition;
- this position is subject to standby duty.

Qualifications:

Knowledge of:

- basic mechanical and hydraulic principles as related to the water industry;
- fundamental safe work practices.

Ability to:

- learn skilled repair and maintenance practices pertaining to water distribution system equipment;
- use hand and power tools;
- understand and carry out written and verbal instructions;
- perform physical work requiring considerable manual dexterity;
- deal effectively with public and fellow employees;
- operate a motor vehicle safely.

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Education/Experience:

Twelfth grade or equivalent. Two (2) years in a water utility, plus specialized schooling and/or seminars relating to transmission and distribution systems.

License/Certificates:

Must possess and maintain a valid California driver's license with an acceptable driving record. Must possess Distribution Operator Certification, Grade D1 from the State of California and a Backflow Prevention Device Certificate from the State of California.