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# City of Watsonville

## COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATOR I

\$3970.29 - \$5320.55/Month

**Filing Deadline Extended: Thursday, February 25, 2016 At 5:00 P.M.**

*(No Postmarks Accepted)*

***DMV Printout Required With Application***

### **DEFINITION**

To inspect, clean, maintain and repair the City's sanitary and storm water collection lines; to inspect and perform routine maintenance and repair of lift stations; to perform operations and maintenance work at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility and do related work as required under supervision of a certified operator.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This job class functions at a journey level of classification and is responsible for performing a wide variety of maintenance and repair.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED & EXERCISED**

- Receives general supervision from the Collection Systems Operator II and the Collection Systems Manager
- Exercises direction over persons assisting in the job duties of the day, such as, work release personnel, temporary help, reassigned employees, etc. in the absence of the Collection Systems Operator II

**EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES** - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Performs physical labor including shoveling, raking, lifting, and digging; clears debris and brush; and loads, unloads and operates trucks to transport maintenance supplies and materials
- Places traffic control flags, signs and cones to direct traffic around work sites; may direct traffic
- Performs occasional simple fabrication and repair of equipment, tools, parts and accessory items using arc and gas welding
- Uses a variety of general carpentry and mechanical hand tools
- Operates equipment such as air compressors, pneumatic hammers, concrete saws, pipecutters, sprayers, compactors, forklifts and rollers
- Performs routine maintenance and repair of hand and power tools
- Tactfully responds to questions and comments from the public
- Operates equipment and uses tools safely
- Prepares and keeps written records; makes material and equipment requests
- Operates equipment such as backhoes, front-end loaders and trucks
- Drives and operates a hydraulic vacuum or flush truck to clean sewer lines
- Operates power rodding equipment to clean sewer lines
- Operates closed circuit television equipment to inspect sewer lines and diagnose problems
- Constructs and repairs sewer related structures such as manholes and cleanouts
- Locates sewer lines by reading maps, drawings and street markings
- Descends into confined manhole spaces using appropriate safety procedures and apparatus
- Installs, repairs and replaces sewer mains and laterals
- Applies chemicals and rodent bait to sewer lines using appropriate safety procedures
- Performs routine maintenance and repair of sewer pump stations such as cleaning and greasing; adjusts and replaces packing; repairs electrical wiring; changes float balls; and replaces minor mechanical parts
- Responds during off hours to emergencies related to division activities
- Works weekends or holidays when required
- Serves on an on-call status on a rotating basis to respond to Field Services problems during off hours
- Conducts regular inspections of all lift stations to assure proper operational efficiency
- Lubricates pumps and other mechanical apparatus for proper operation
- Adjusts valves and controls as necessary to maintain proper flow and treatment of wastewater
- Conducts periodic readings of meters and gauges and records data in the lift station operating logs; maintains detailed and accurate operation and maintenance records
- Adjusts and regulates chemical feeds in pump station wet wells
- Performs a variety of manual tasks involving the handling of equipment exposed to raw sewage including the cleaning and maintenance of clogged pumps, wet wells, sump basins, and others
- Performs a wide variety of preventative maintenance work and mechanical repair in connection with the repair and upkeep of the pumping facilities

- Performs related duties as assigned

**Knowledge of:**

- methods, tools and equipment used in collection system inspection, maintenance, and repair work
- operation and use of City's collection system maintenance equipment
- operation and use of equipment such as backhoes, front-end loaders and trucks
- safe work practices

**Ability to:**

- perform a wide variety of inspection, maintenance, and repair assignments on the City's collection system
- skillfully use the hand and power tools involved in collection system maintenance, repair, and construction work
- wear self-contained breathing apparatus
- operate equipment such as backhoes, front-end loaders and trucks
- work in confined spaces such as manholes
- work outdoors in adverse weather conditions
- understand and follow oral and written instructions
- perform physical tasks involving frequent bending, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of weights up to 50 pounds
- use a keyboard
- drive an automobile
- grasp with right and left hands
- walk on uneven surfaces
- hear and distinguish various sounds, such as abnormal equipment sounds, voices of co-workers in noisy environments, pager, cell phone, etc.
- obtain certification as required by the City
- follow oral and written directions
- maintain good public relations with people contacted during work assignments
- maintain First Aid and CPR certification
- establish and maintain cooperative working relationships
- speak English/Spanish highly desirable

**Special Requirements**

- Within one year of date of hire or at the end of probation, residence must be established within a 30-minute response time to the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- First Aid and CPR certification and ability to possess and maintain compliance with respiratory requirements
- Possession of a California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Grade I Collection System Maintenance certificate

**Other Requirements**

- Possession of a Grade I State Water Resources Control Board Operator's certificate is desirable

**Licenses**

- Possession of a valid California Class C driver's license and a safe driving record. A Class A license with tanker and air brake endorsements will be required within six months from date of hire.

**Training and Experience:** Any combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities is:

- High school graduation or GED equivalency
- One year of experience comparable to a Wastewater Operator I or Utility Worker I with the City of Watsonville

**APPLICATION AND TESTING PROCESS**

Applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department located at 275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville, CA 95076, by the filing deadline. No postmarks accepted. An application may be obtained by calling (831) 768-3025 or by going to the City's website at [www.cityofwatsonville.org](http://www.cityofwatsonville.org). All candidates will receive written notification after applications have been screened for requirement compliance. Interview dates will be announced at a later time. Names of successful candidates who do not receive a job offer will be placed on an employment list.

**APPOINTMENT AND BENEFITS**

The position benefits include excellent health, dental, and vision benefits, bilingual pay and life insurance. The position benefits also include vacation, sick leave, and holidays. The City offers Public Employees Retirement System benefits. Employees shall pay the full employee share of CalPERS contribution.

The candidate selected will be appointed for a 12-month probationary period. Names of successful candidates who do not receive a job offer will be placed on an employment list which normally remains effective for one year. The Human Resources Department may abolish an Employment List at any time the needs of the City so require. The position is represented by the Operating Engineers Local #3 bargaining unit.

Prior to appointment to the position of Collection System Operator I, a medical examination and Department of Justice LiveScan fingerprinting will be required.



The City of Watsonville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages workplace diversity.

The City of Watsonville is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by including people with disabilities in all of its programs and activities.

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